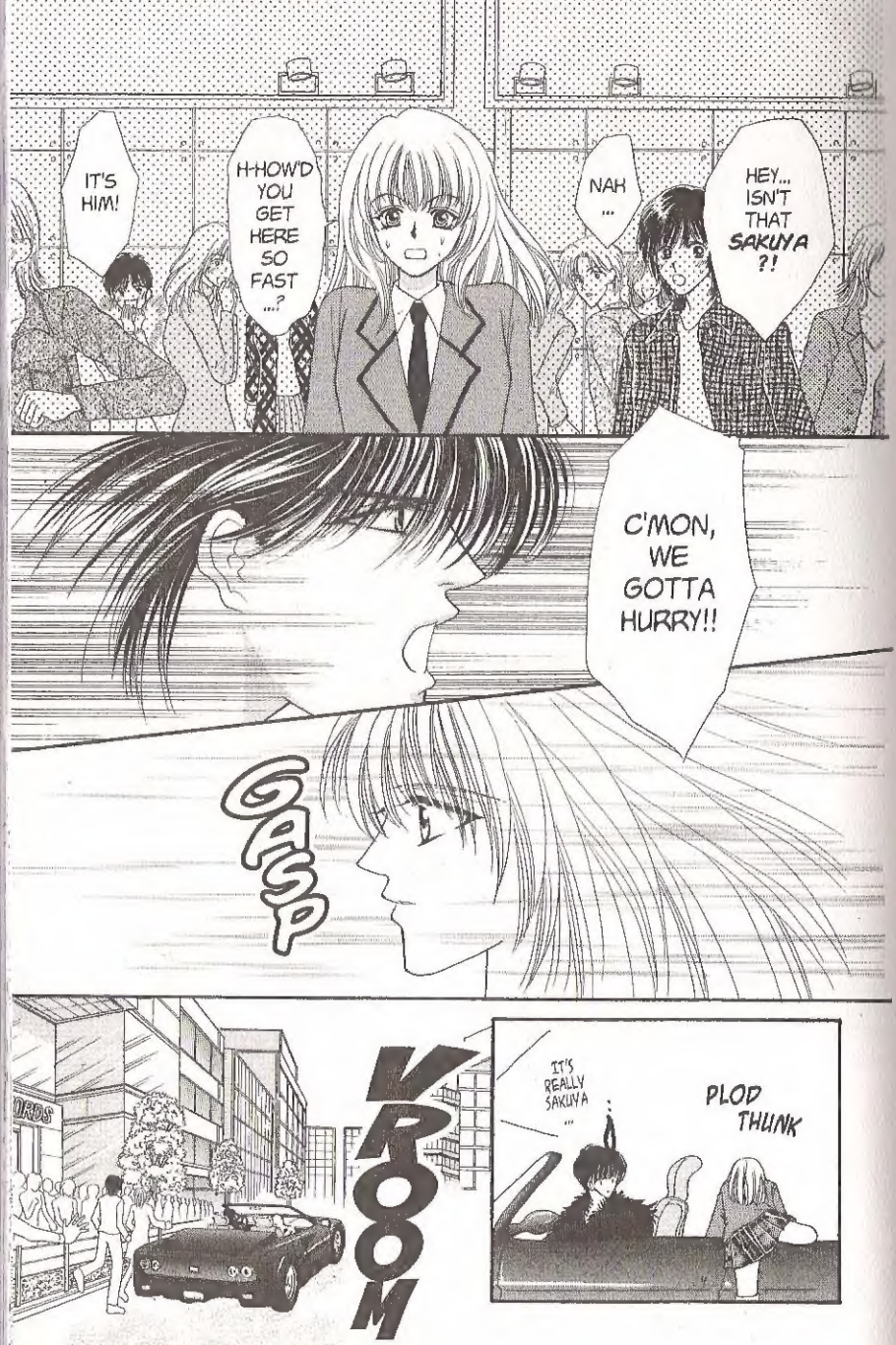
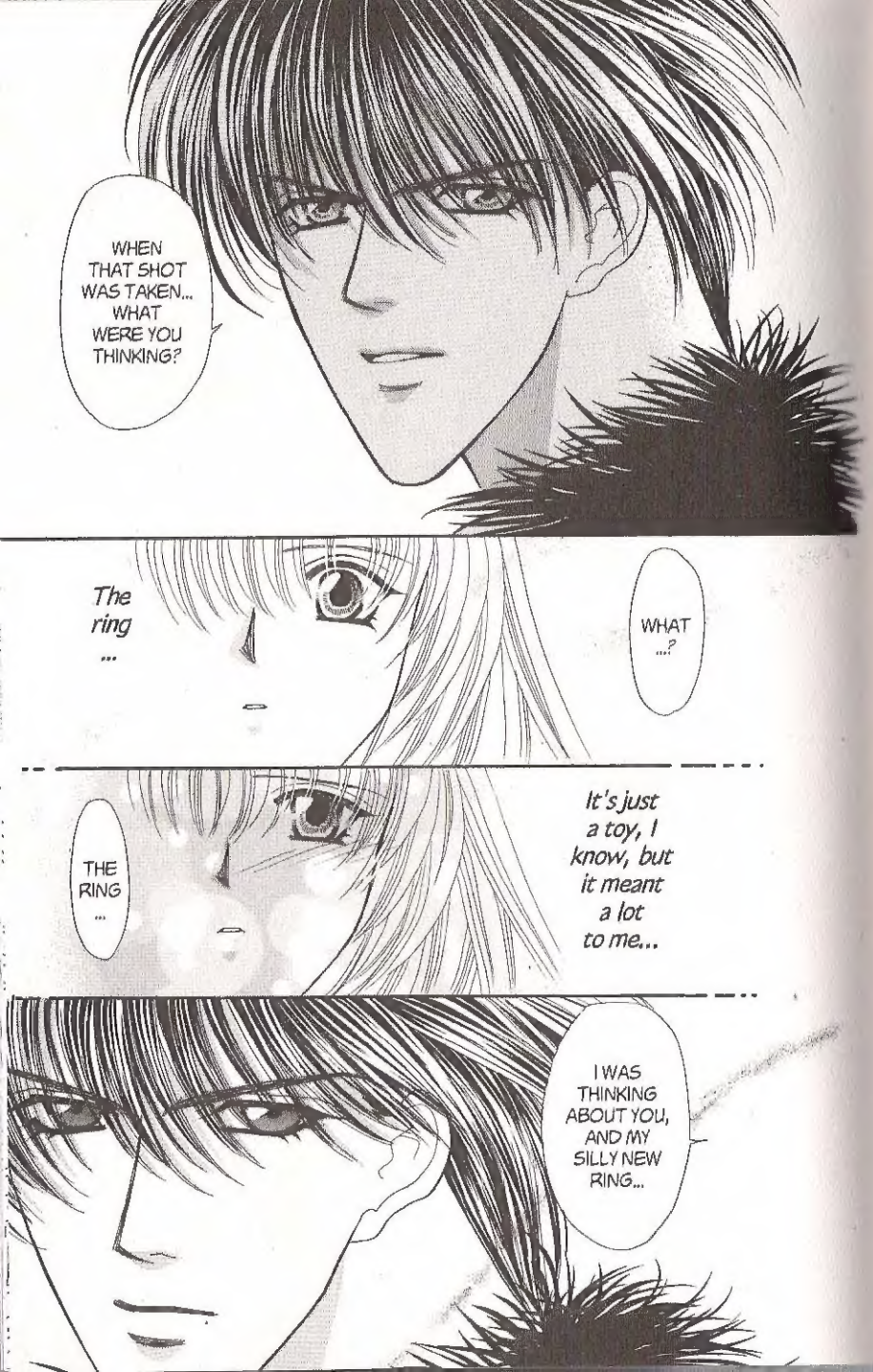

IT'S HIM!
H-HOW'D YOU GET HERE SO FAST ...?
NAH ...
HEY... ISN'T THAT SAKUYA ?!
C'MON, WE GOTTA HURRY!!
GASP
VROOM
IT'S REALLY SAKUYA ...
PLOD
THUNK

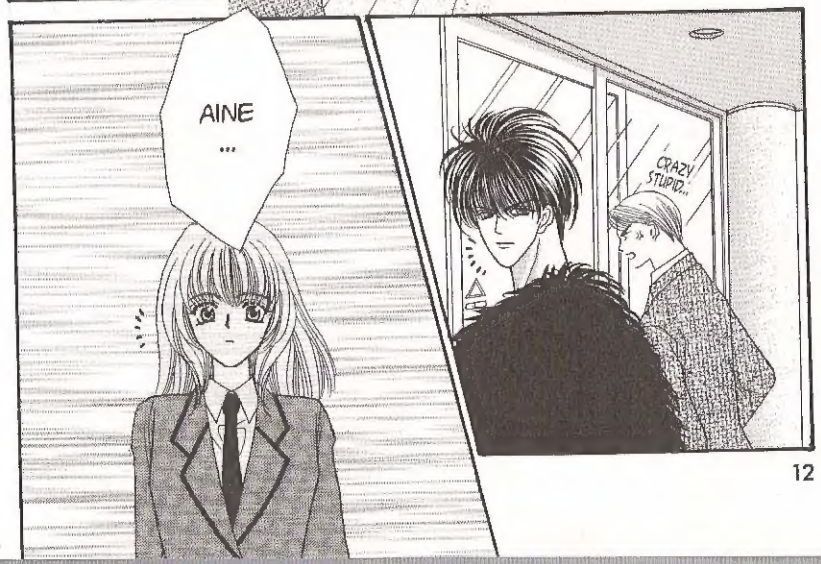
Okay, I'm freaking out now...
Why would anyone put ME on a billboard ...?
WHERE ARE YOU?
IN FRONT OF TOWER RECORDS.
I'LL BE THERE IN 10 MINUTES.
AINE !!
GET IN!!

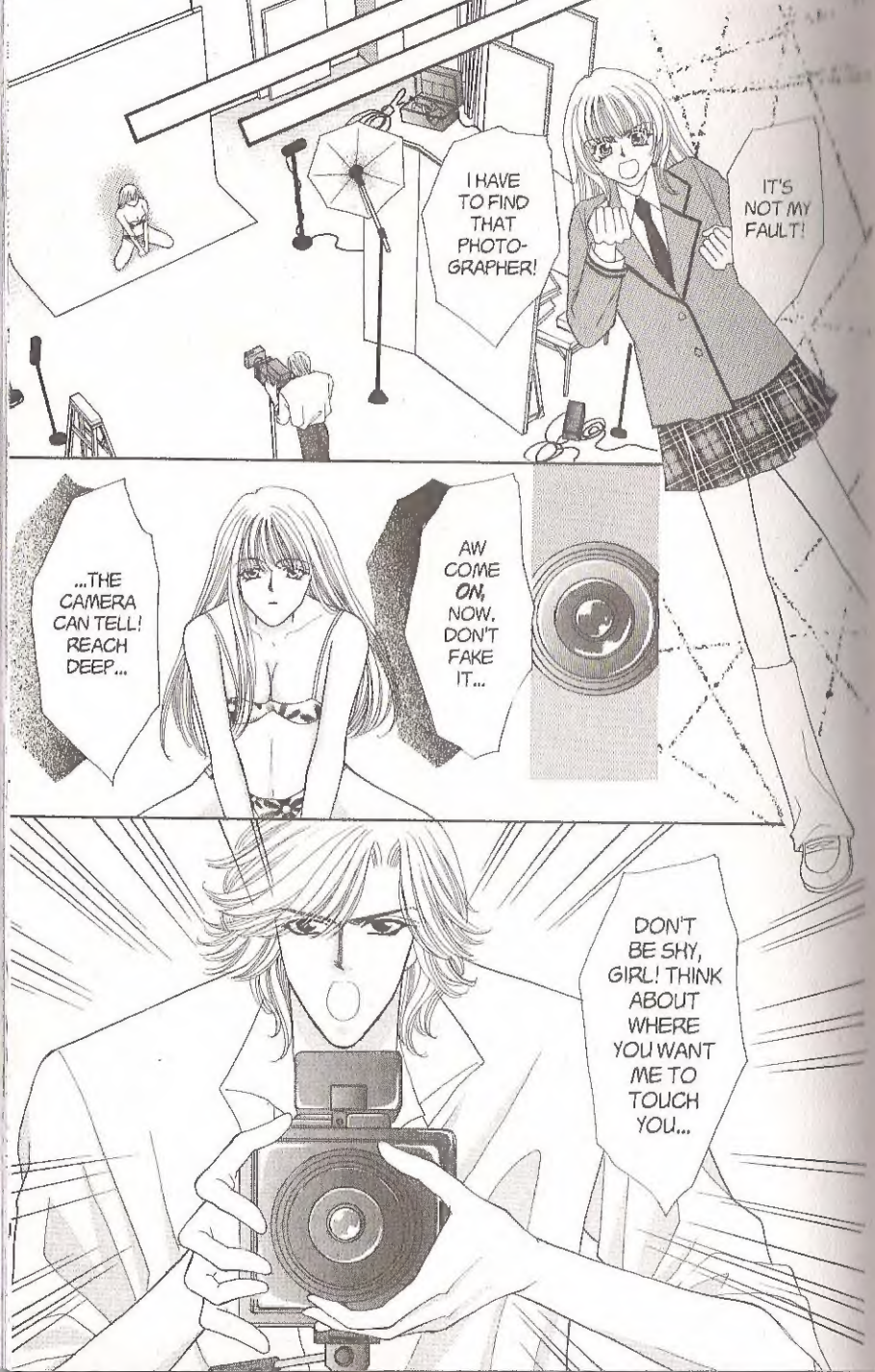
THERE WAS ANOTHER JAPANESE CREW NEAR OUR HOTEL IN KEY WEST...
YOU SCARED ME...
W-WHAT ?
WAIT !!
I'LL FIND OUT WHO THE PHOTO-GRAPHER WAS...
...DAMMIT !!
VROOOM
BUT THEN I FIGURED I WAS IMAGINING THINGS.
I THOUGHT I CAUGHT SOMEBODY STARING AT ME...
I BET THAT WAS IT...

WHAT'S WITH THE BILLBOARD ?
DON'T ASK. I LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME-THING.
OW... UM...WHAT ARE YOU WEARING ...?
MAYBE IT'S JUST SOMEBODY WHO LOOKS LIKE ME...?
SERIOUS-LY, I HAVE NO IDEA.
I COULD NEVER MISTAKE THAT FACE.
NO, IT'S YOU ...
I'm glad ...
I-I GUESS NOT...

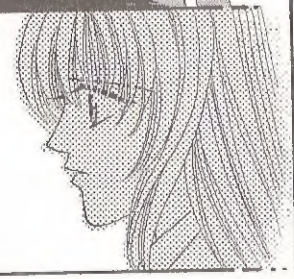

WHEN THAT SHOT WAS TAKEN... WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
The ring ...
WHAT ...?
THE RING ...
It's just a toy, I know, but it meant a lot to me...
I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU, AND MY SILLY NEW RING...

SORRY !!
I CERTAINLY HOPE SO, KID.
THE SHOW STARTED WITHOUT YOU.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
TVJ
WORRY WORRY
FUSS, FUSS

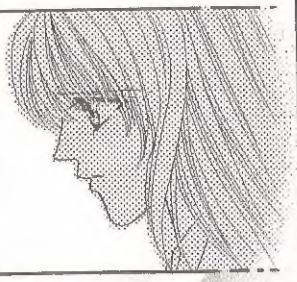

AINE ...
CRAZY STUPID..


I HAVE TO FIND THAT PHOTO-GRAPHER!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
...THE CAMERA CAN TELL! REACH DEEP...
AW COME ON, NOW. DON'T FAKE IT...
DON'T BE SHY, GIRL! THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU WANT ME TO TOUCH YOU...

He's furious ...



I know it's not my fault but I still feel bad...



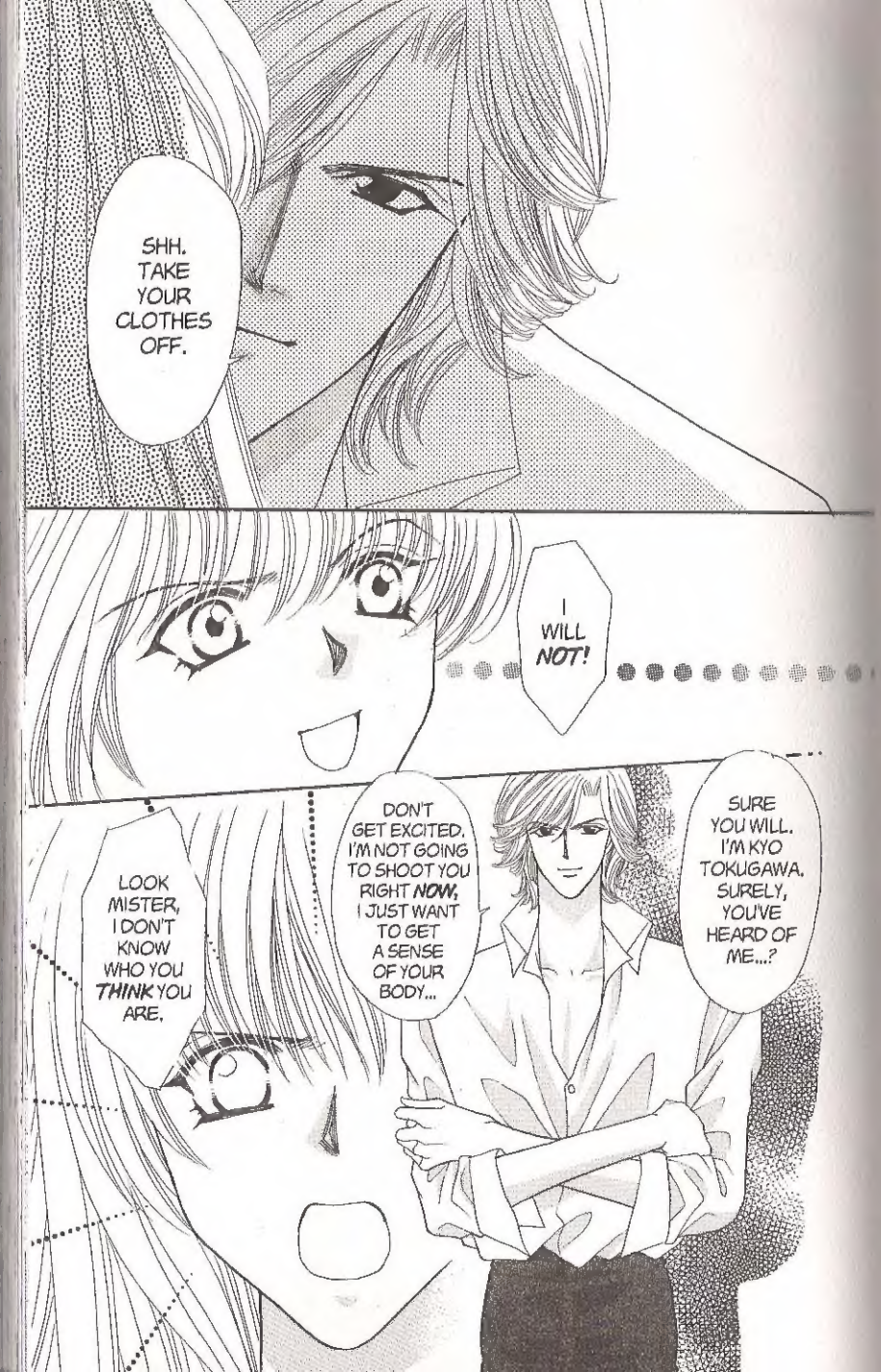
I didn't give anyone permission to take my picture, dammit...

CLENCH

I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE IT...
THAT WAS A PRIVATE MOMENT... SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU AND ME. THERE'S ONE PART OF MY LIFE I DON'T HAVE TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD.

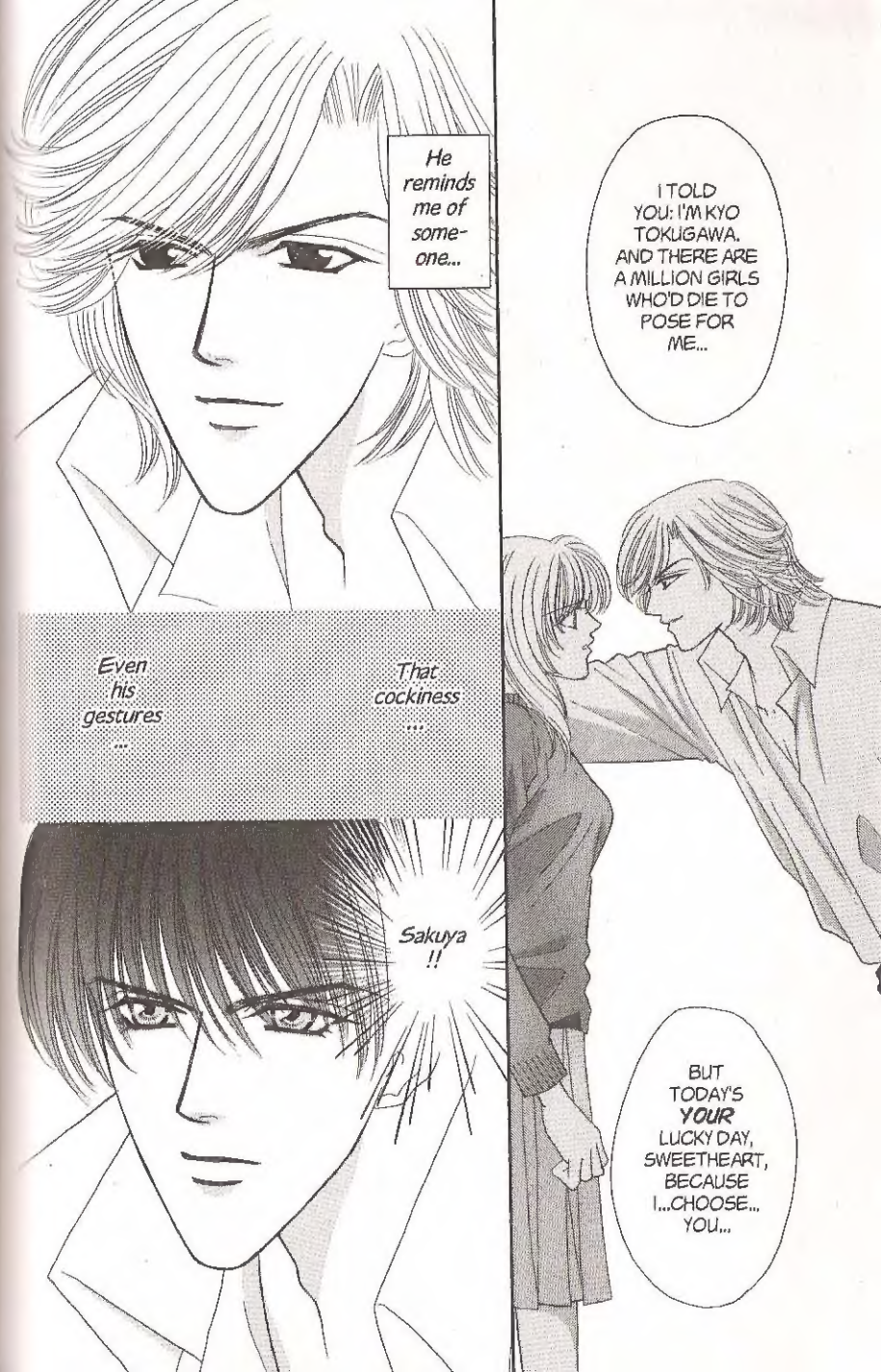
I DIDN'T GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO TAKE MY PICTURE, MUCH LESS TO...
AH, IT'S YOU. I WONDERED HOW LONG...
SKWEEEZZ

WHIR-
POP
WHIR-
POP
THAT'S IT... YEAH...
B-BUT IT'S...
DO I INTERRUPT YOU WHILE YOU'RE MAKING LOVE? NO? THEN DON'T INTERRUPT ME DURING A...
MR. TOKUGAWA, THERE'S SOMEONE TO SEE YOU...

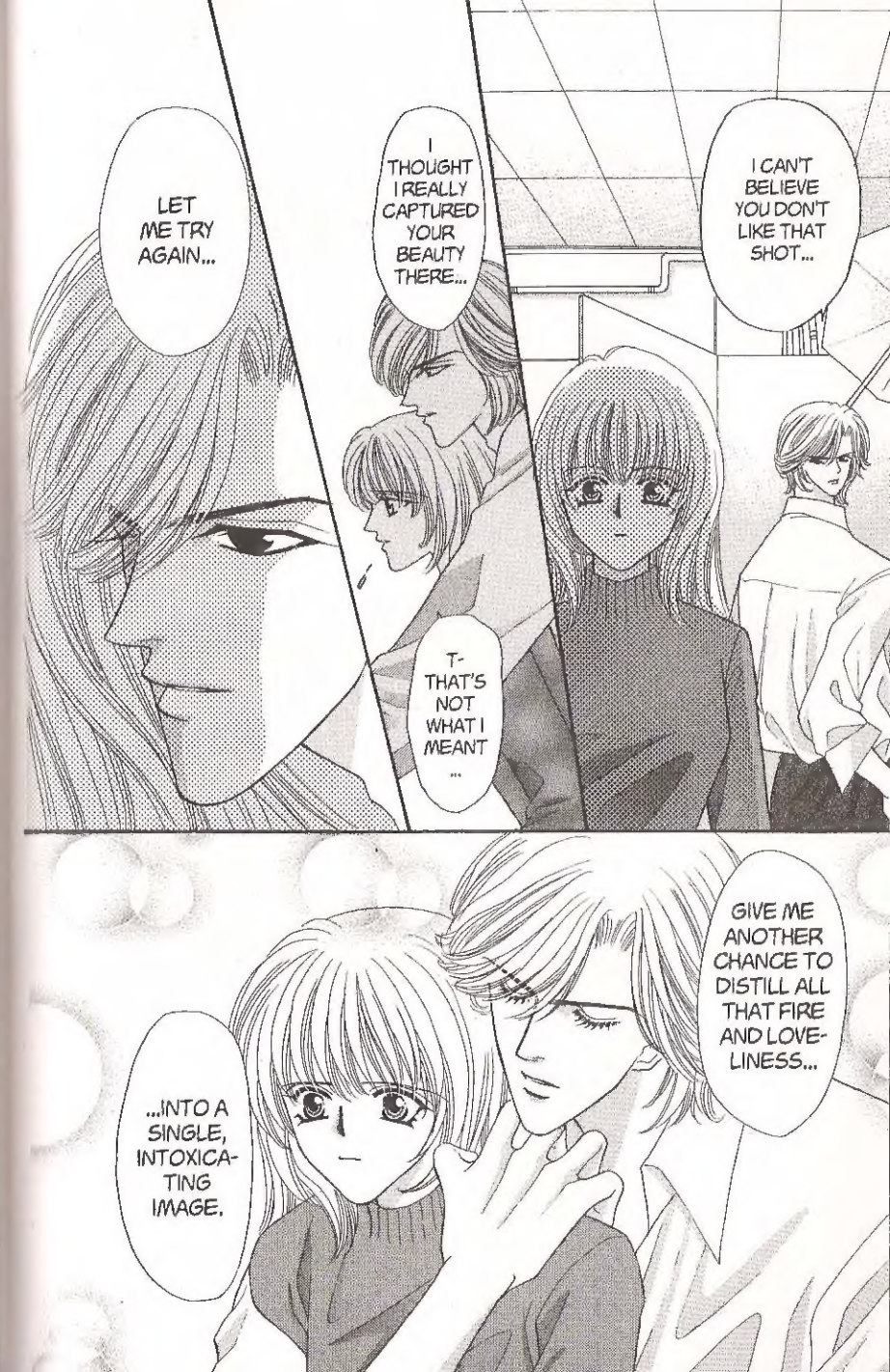

SHH. TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF.
I WILL NOT!
LOOK MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE.
DON'T GET EXCITED. I'M NOT GOING TO SHOOT YOU RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANT TO GET A SENSE OF YOUR BODY...
SURE YOU WILL. I'M KYO TOKUGAWA. SURELY, YOU'VE HEARD OF ME...?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
SWING
WHAT?
WHAT?!
AAAH!
STOP
GOOD SIZE, NICE SHAPE...
THEY'RE REAL...

God forbid they ever meet...
G-gah !
CLENCH
I'll just have to handle this myself...
THANKS, ANYWAY. I'LL PASS.
I'M GOING TO FORGET THE FACT THAT YOU TOOK MY PHOTO AND SOLD MY IMAGE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION ...
IN EXCHANGE FOR MY GENEROSITY... DON'T YOU EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN!
HEY, WAIT !!


He reminds me of someone...
Even his gestures ...
That cockiness ....
Sakuya !!
I TOLD YOU: I'M KYO TOKUGAWA. AND THERE ARE A MILLION GIRLS WHO'D DIE TO POSE FOR ME...
BUT TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY DAY, SWEETHEART, BECAUSE I...CHOOSE... YOU...

...I-I HAVE TO ASK SAKUYA.
WHAT D'YOU SAY?
SAKUYA ?
N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
HEH HEH HEH
SO I JUST NEED TO TALK TO THIS GUY SAKUYA, HUH?
Gak! Why can't I keep my mouth shut?!
ULP!
PANIC!
PANIC!
WHAT? WHO? NO! UM... I MEANT–


LET ME TRY AGAIN...
I THOUGHT I REALLY CAPTURED YOUR BEAUTY THERE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T LIKE THAT SHOT...
T-THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...
...INTO A SINGLE, INTOXICA-TING IMAGE.
GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE TO DISTILL ALL THAT FIRE AND LOVE-LINESS...

...CAN YOU TURN YOUR HEAD A LITTLE?
RUMOR HAS IT HE'S BIG ON BEDDING HIS MODELS...
MOST OF THOSE SOFT-CORE IDOL PRINTS THAT SELL LIKE HOT CAKES ARE HIS...
YEAH, THAT'S HIM. VERY HOT RIGHT NOW. I THINK HE ONLY SHOOTS WOMEN...
...JUST WHAT I NEEDED.
GREAT ...
YEAH, SURE. GIVE ME A CALL AND WE'LL GO GET A DRINK.
GOOD STUFF. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO FOR NEXT MONTH'S SPREAD, OKAY?

KYO TOKUGAWA ?
WAIT !!
Why am I such a pushover for forceful men...??
STUDIO V

KYO TOKU-GAWA ...
...JUST A PHOTO-GRAPHER.
THE KYO TOKUGAWA. HOT NEW SHOOTER, FAMOUS FOR BEDDING YOUNG STARLETS ...
WAIT, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT YOU OR ME...?
CRINGE

WELL, WHAT D'YA KNOW ...?
I DIDN'T THINK SHE MEANT THE SAKUYA...
AINE...? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
WHO ARE YOU?
SAKUYA, UM...

Hello! Mayu Shinjo, here.

By the time you hold this volume in your hands, the anime should be on the air. Unbelievable, isn't it? I'm so excited. I sat in on a casting session for some of the voiceover actors the other day - there were some amazingly talented people there. I'm sure glad I wasn't the one who had to make the final choices!

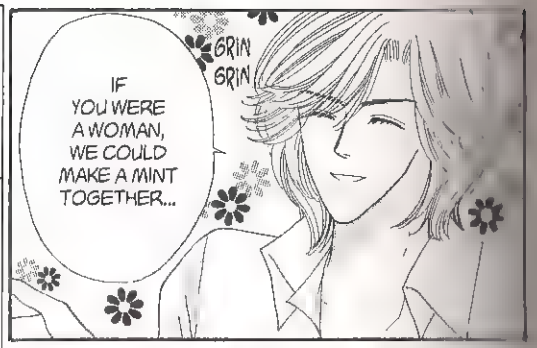
(Oh, you'll get a kick out of this: the day of that casting session, I was already running about 15 minutes late because of traffic, when, to make matters worse, I got lost and I ended up driving through some teeny tiny alley, scratching my car--three times! When I finally arrived I was an hour late and my car looked like I'd driven through a mine field!)

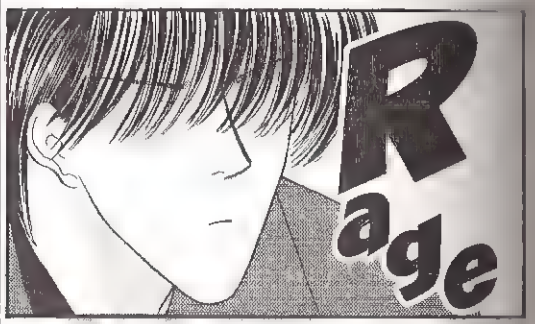
Anyway, the actors have all been cast and while there are still a few decisions left to be made, by the time you're reading this everything should be finalized. (Duh, right? I mean, if it's on the air already...!)

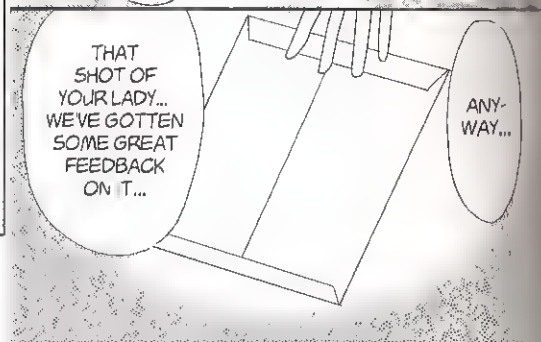
(Oh, hey: I saw Glay at the dome. They change their set list all the time, so it seems like no matter how often I see them, there's always something new. I think 'Burst' is my favorite to see them do live and they haven't been performing it lately. They brought it back out for the dome show, thank heaven. How were the shows you guys went to?)

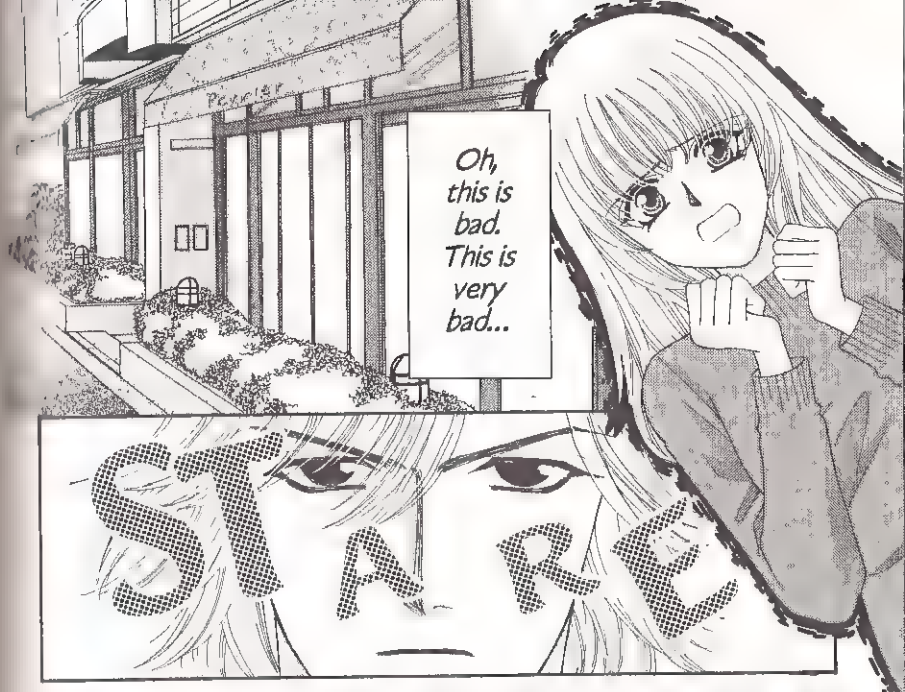
So anyway, when the anime project was first announced, it seemed like everyone fell into one of two categories: either they were super-psyched about it, or they were convinced it was a horrible idea and it would end up ruining the book. After all, it's impossible to make an anime that's 100% faithful to the manga, you know?

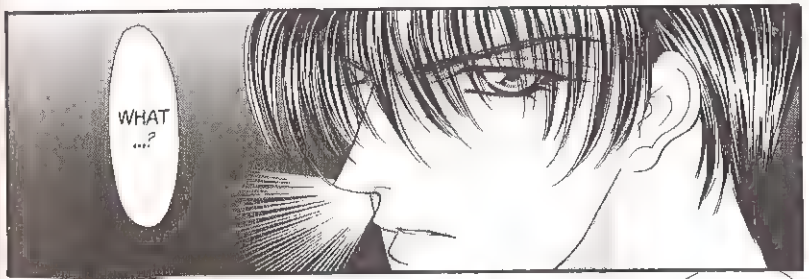
To be continued

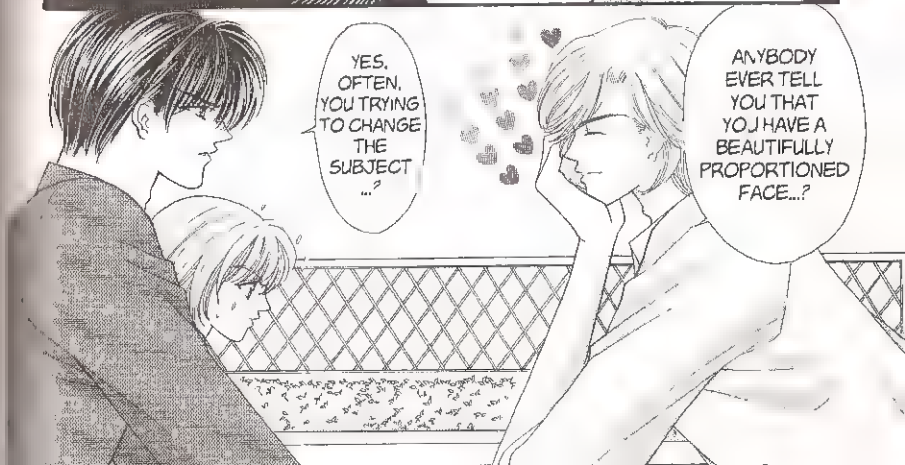


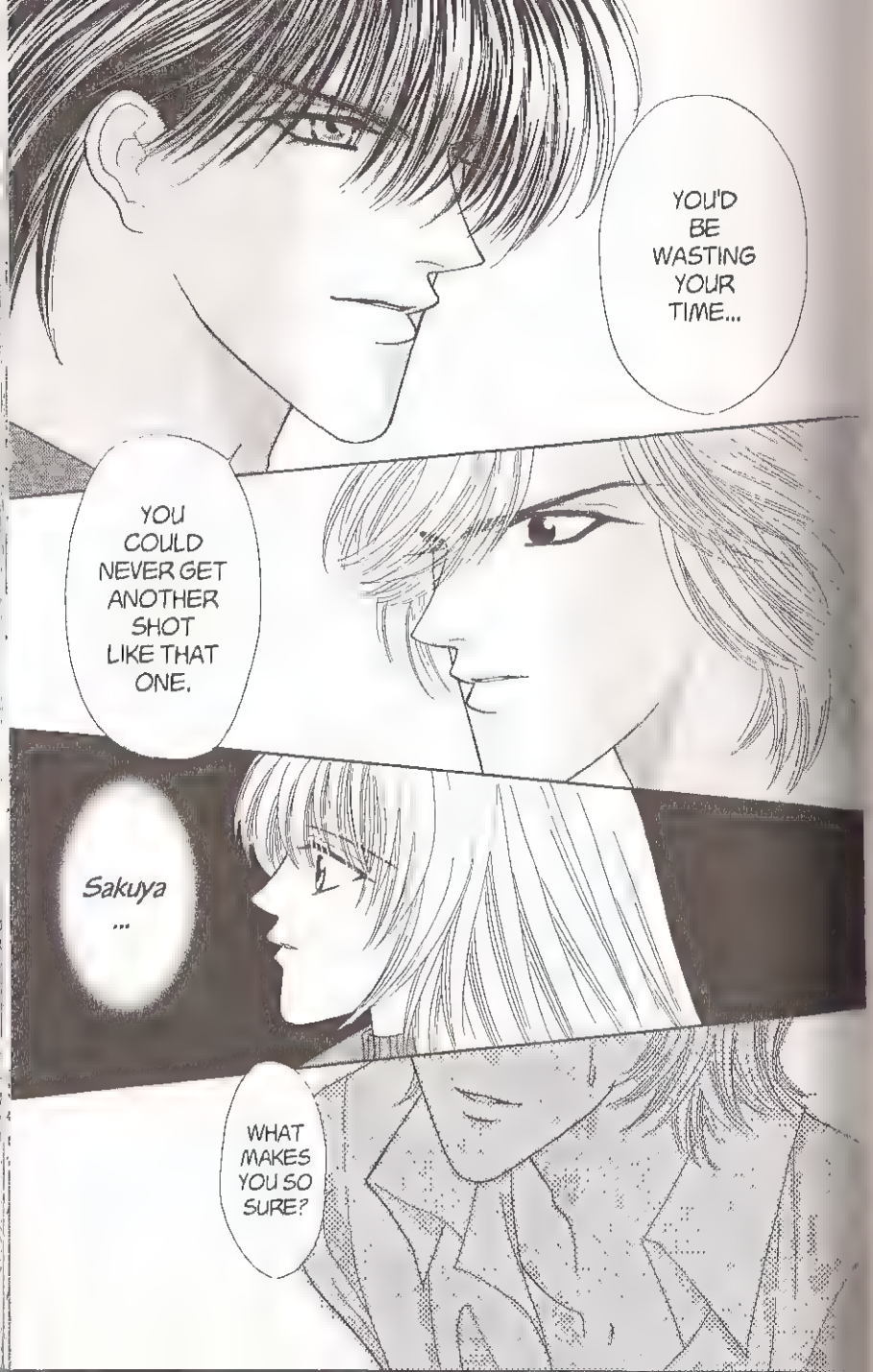




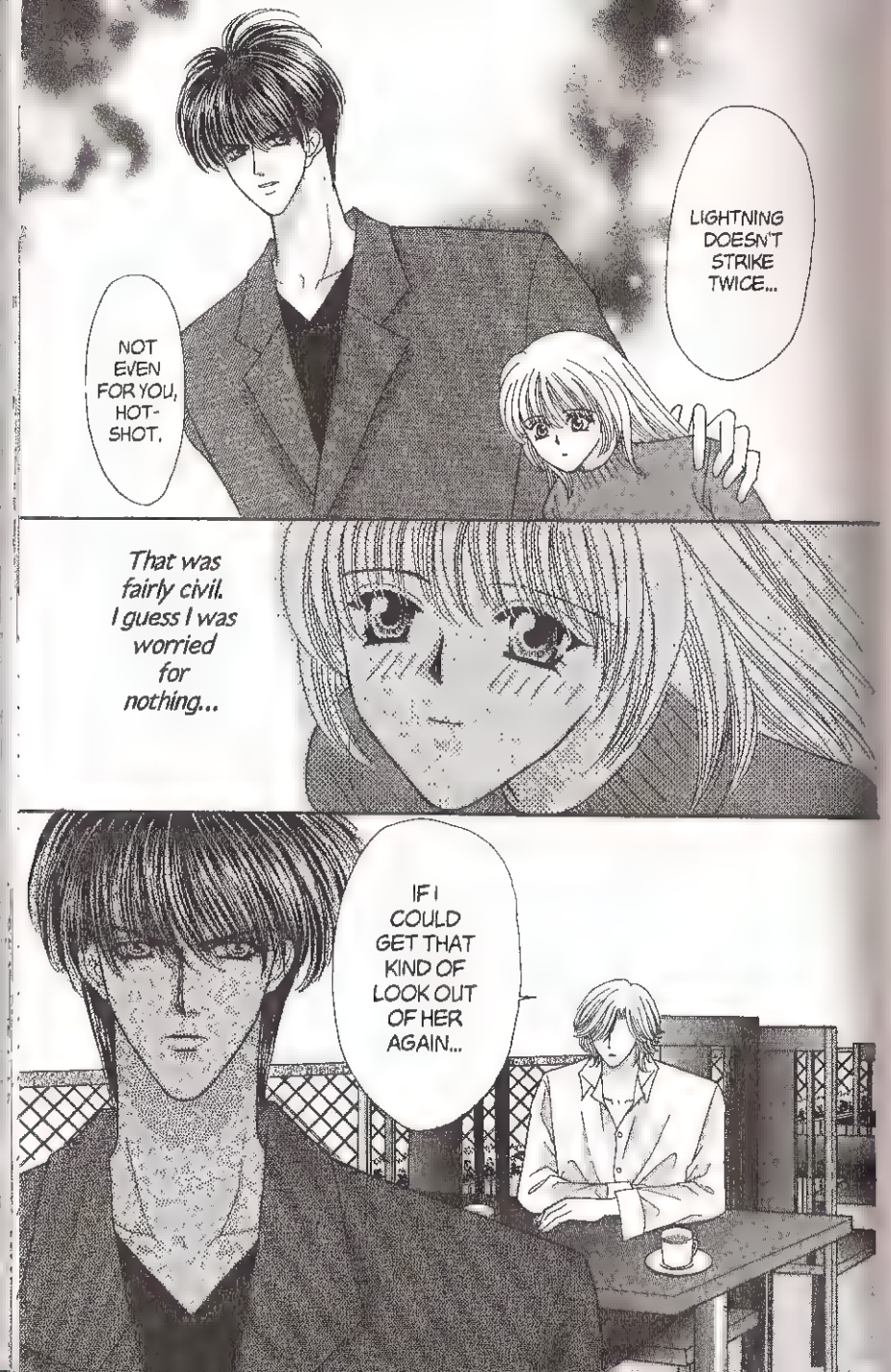






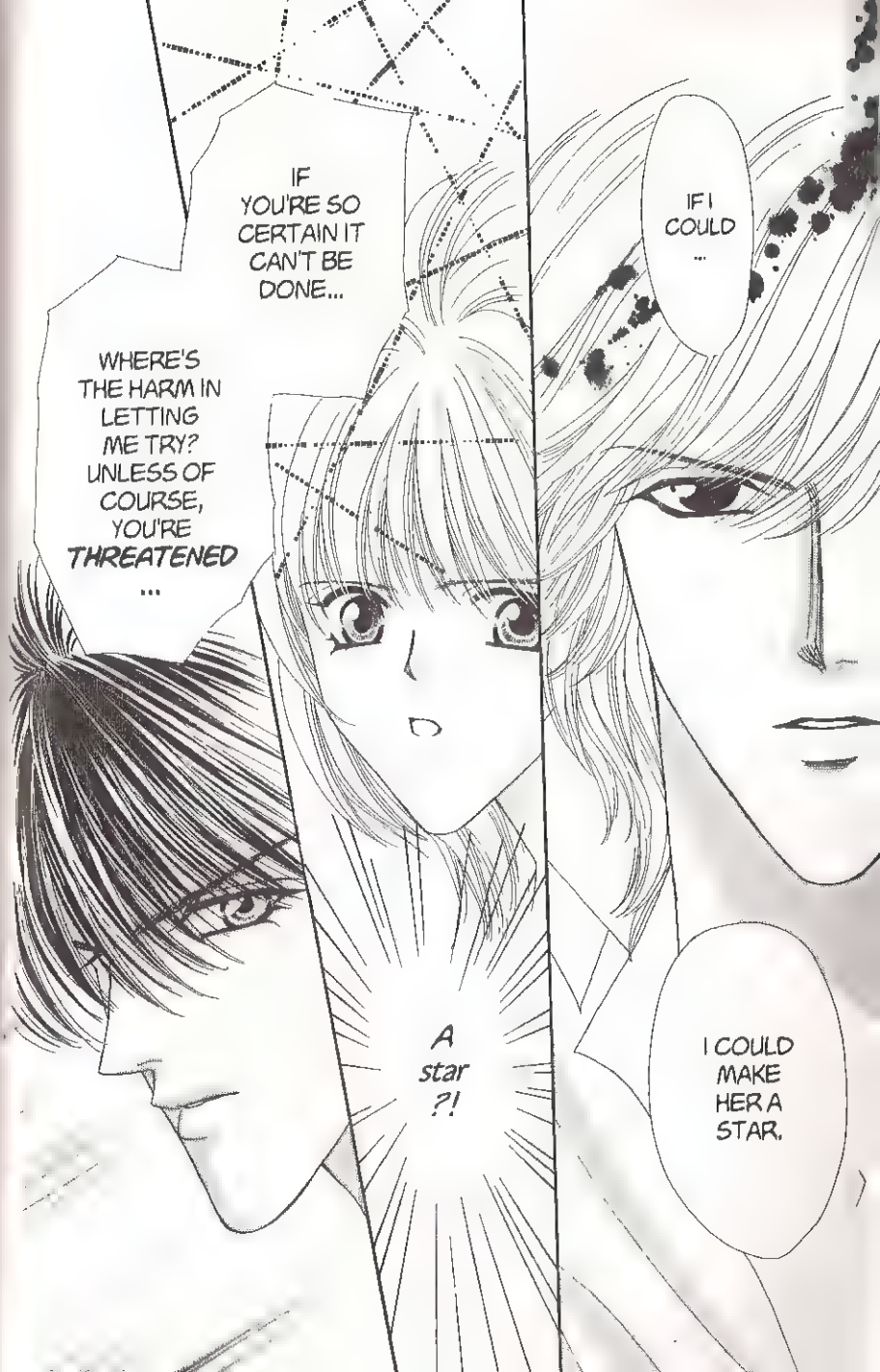

YOU'D BE WASTING YOUR TIME...
YOU COULD NEVER GET ANOTHER SHOT LIKE THAT ONE.
Sakuya ...
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?

I'D LIKE AINE TO MODEL FOR ME...
FORGET IT.
C'MON, SAKUYA...ARE YOU REALLY THAT THREATENED BY ME?
I FIGURED YOU'D SAY THAT...
NO. MY REASONS ARE MY OWN, BUT BELIEVE ME, THIS IS AS MUCH FOR YOUR SAKE AS IT IS FOR MINE.
OH? HOW SO?

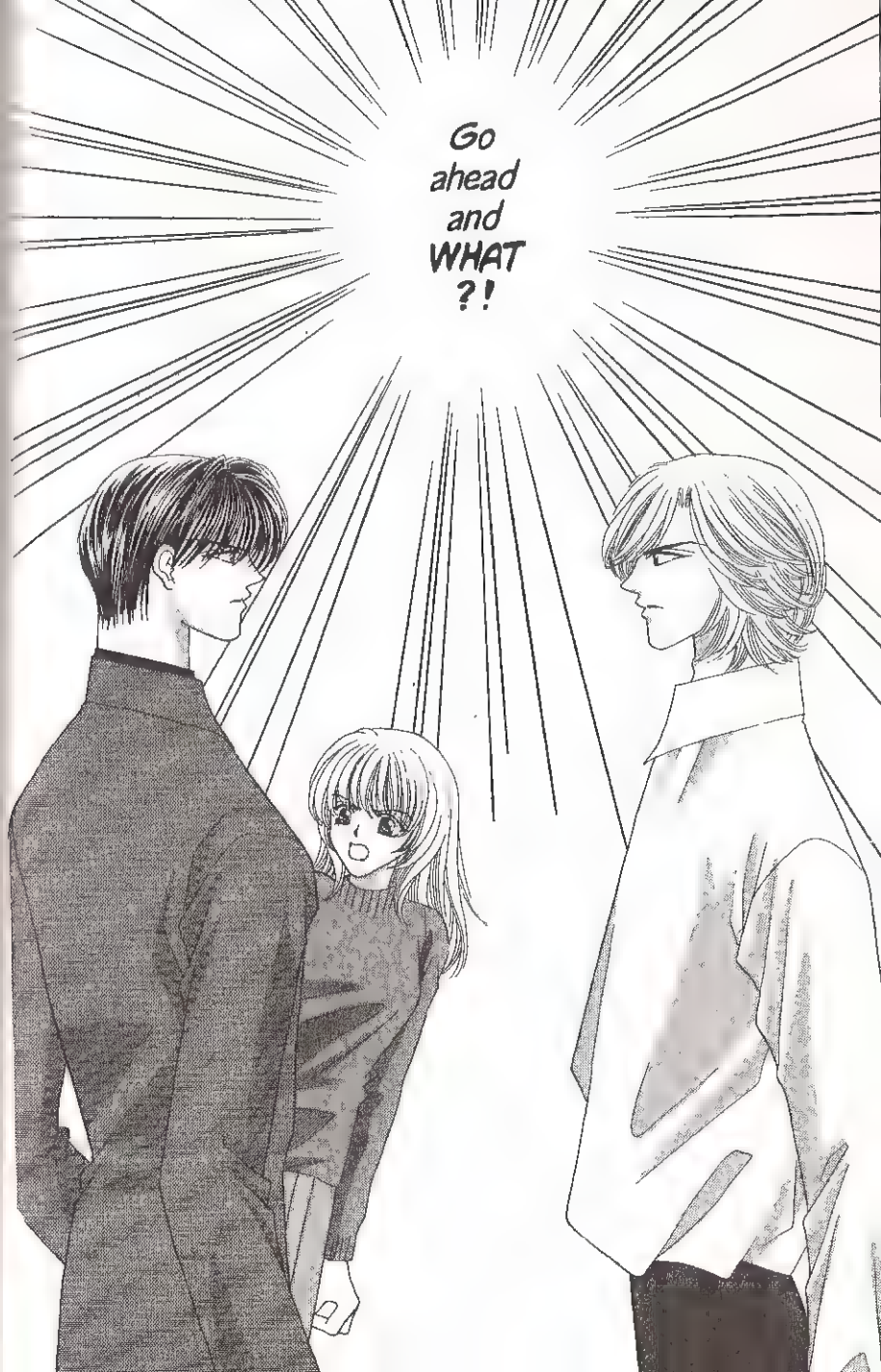

LIGHTNING DOESN'T STRIKE TWICE...
NOT EVEN FOR YOU, HOT-SHOT.
That was fairly civil. I guess I was worried for nothing...
IF I COULD GET THAT KIND OF LOOK OUT OF HER AGAIN...

BECAUSE I PUT THAT SMILE ON HER FACE. YOU WERE NOTHING MORE THAN A PEEPING TOM WITH A CAMERA AND A LUCKY BREAK.
LET'S GO, AINE.
PAT
SURE, OKAY.

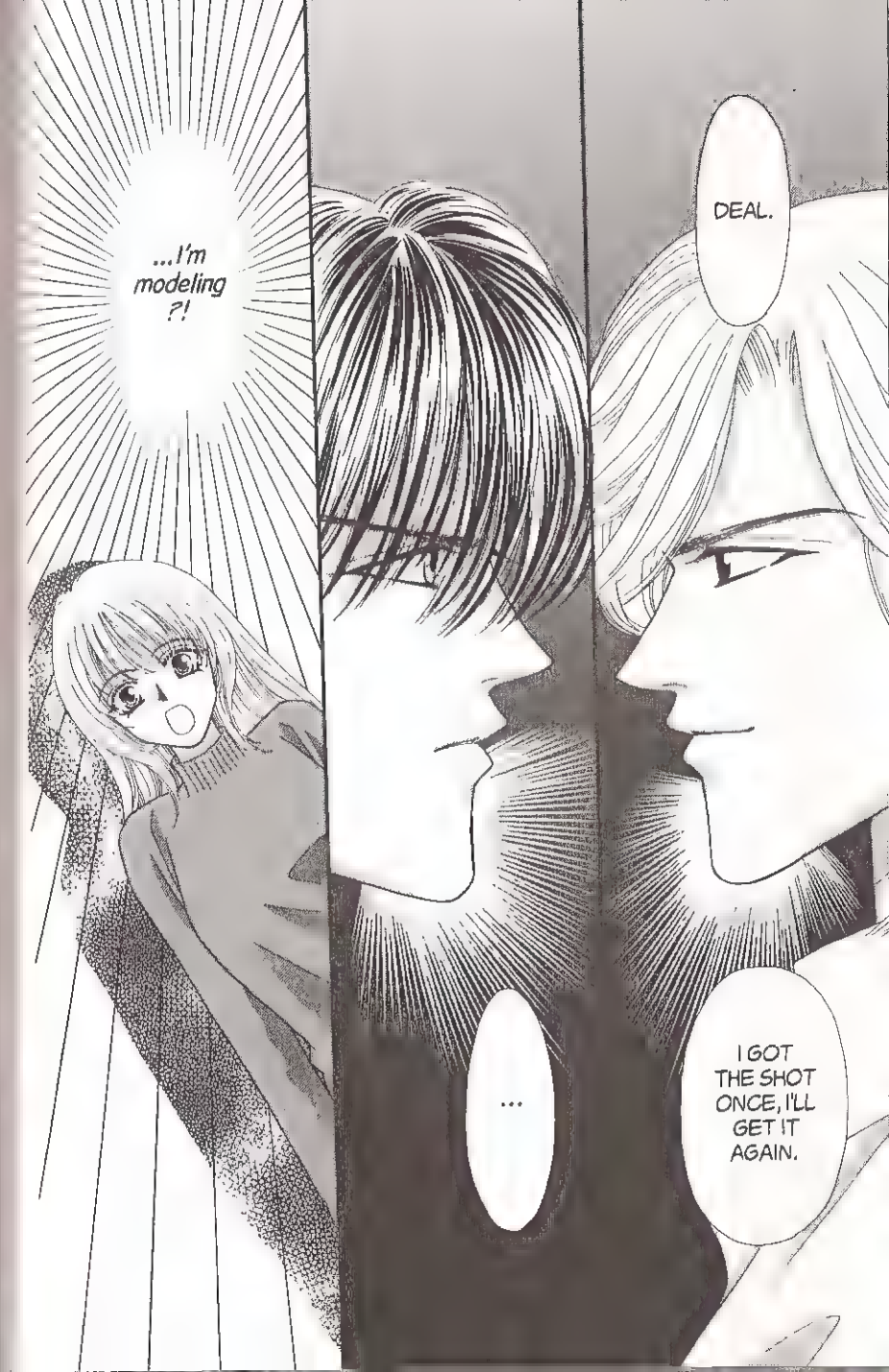
SHUT UP! DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE—
GO AHEAD.
Sakuya ?!

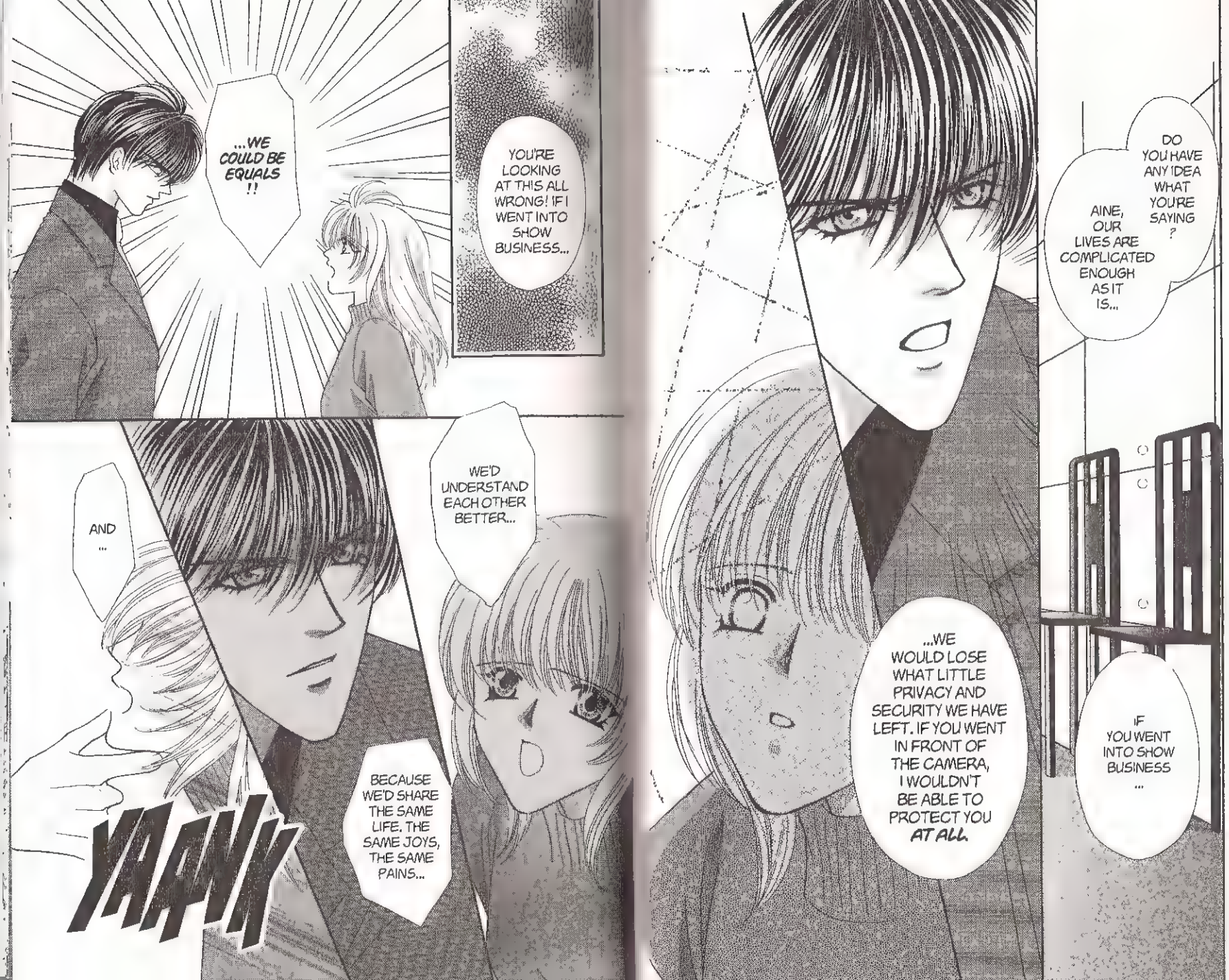

IF I COULD ...
IF YOU'RE SO CERTAIN IT CAN'T BE DONE...
WHERE'S THE HARM IN LETTING ME TRY? UNLESS OF COURSE, YOU'RE THREATENED ...
A star ?!
I COULD MAKE HER A STAR.

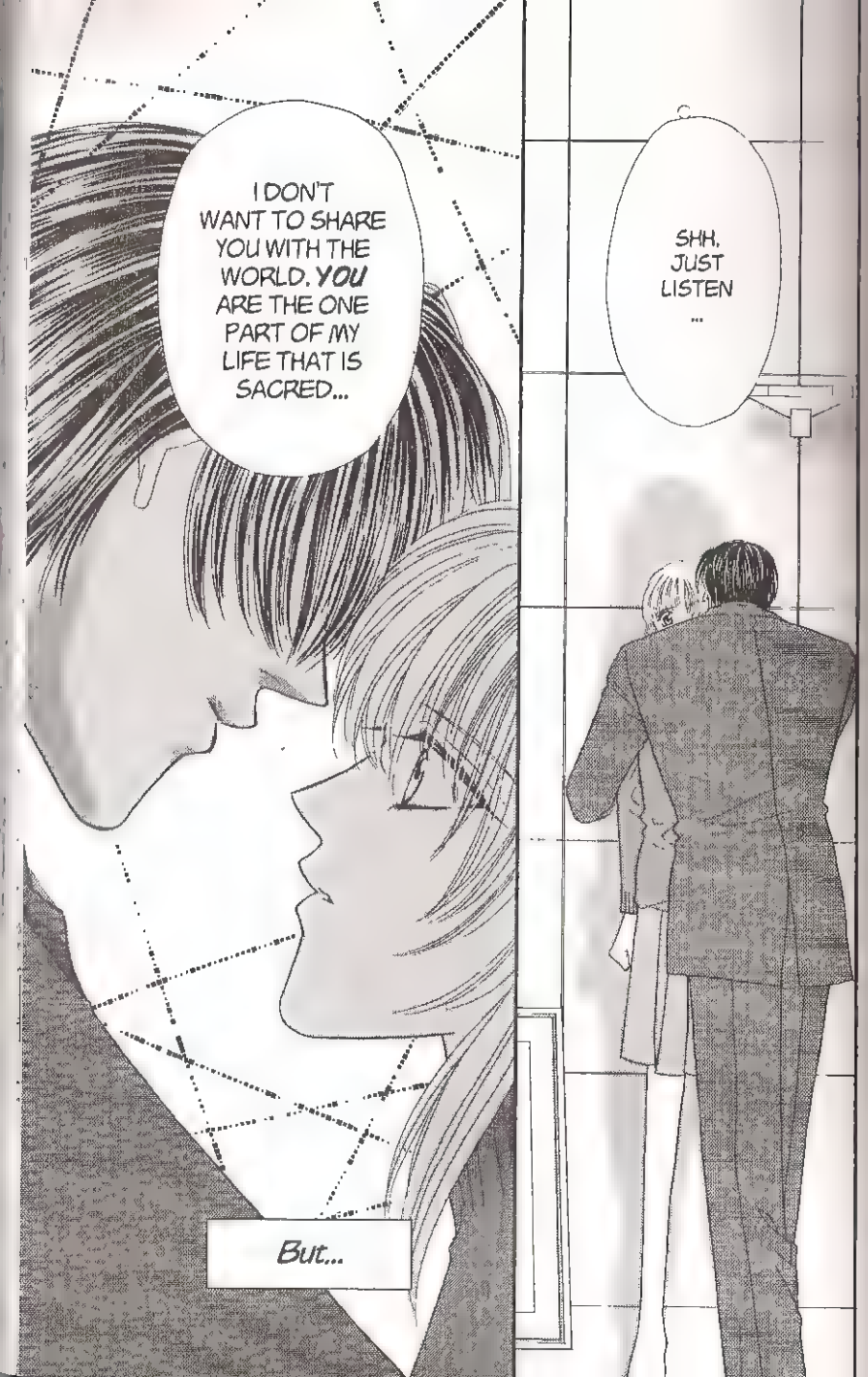
SAKUYA, I'M NOT SURE I'M READY TO...
BUT...
YOU GET ONE CHANCE AND THAT'S IT...
IF YOU CAN'T GET THE IMAGE YOU WANT IN ONE SHOOT, YOU FORGET WE EVER MET.
ONE AFTERNOON, ONE SHOOT...
THEN IT'S OVER.
NO MORE TEASING HER WITH PROMISES OF STARDOM, AND WE NEVER HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN... EVER.
...

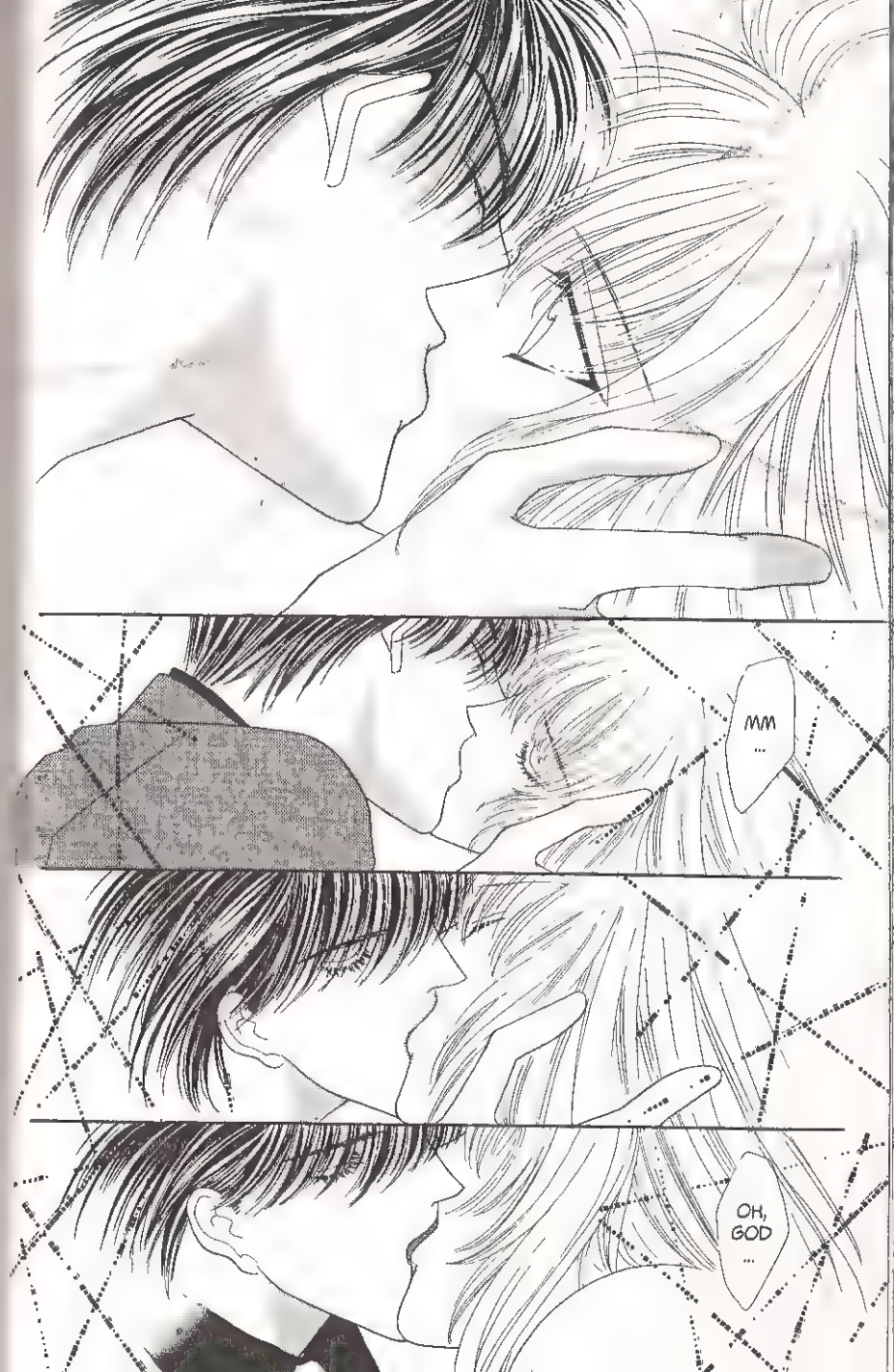

Go ahead and WHAT?!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
WHAT DID HE MEAN HE COULD MAKE ME A STAR...?
...AND HE'LL LOSE INTEREST. END OF STORY.
THE SHOOT'LL BE A BUST...
WHAT IF YOU *WHAT*?
...WHAT IF I *WANT* TO BE A STAR...?
SAKUYA !!
I'M TALKING TO YOU!!
WHAT?

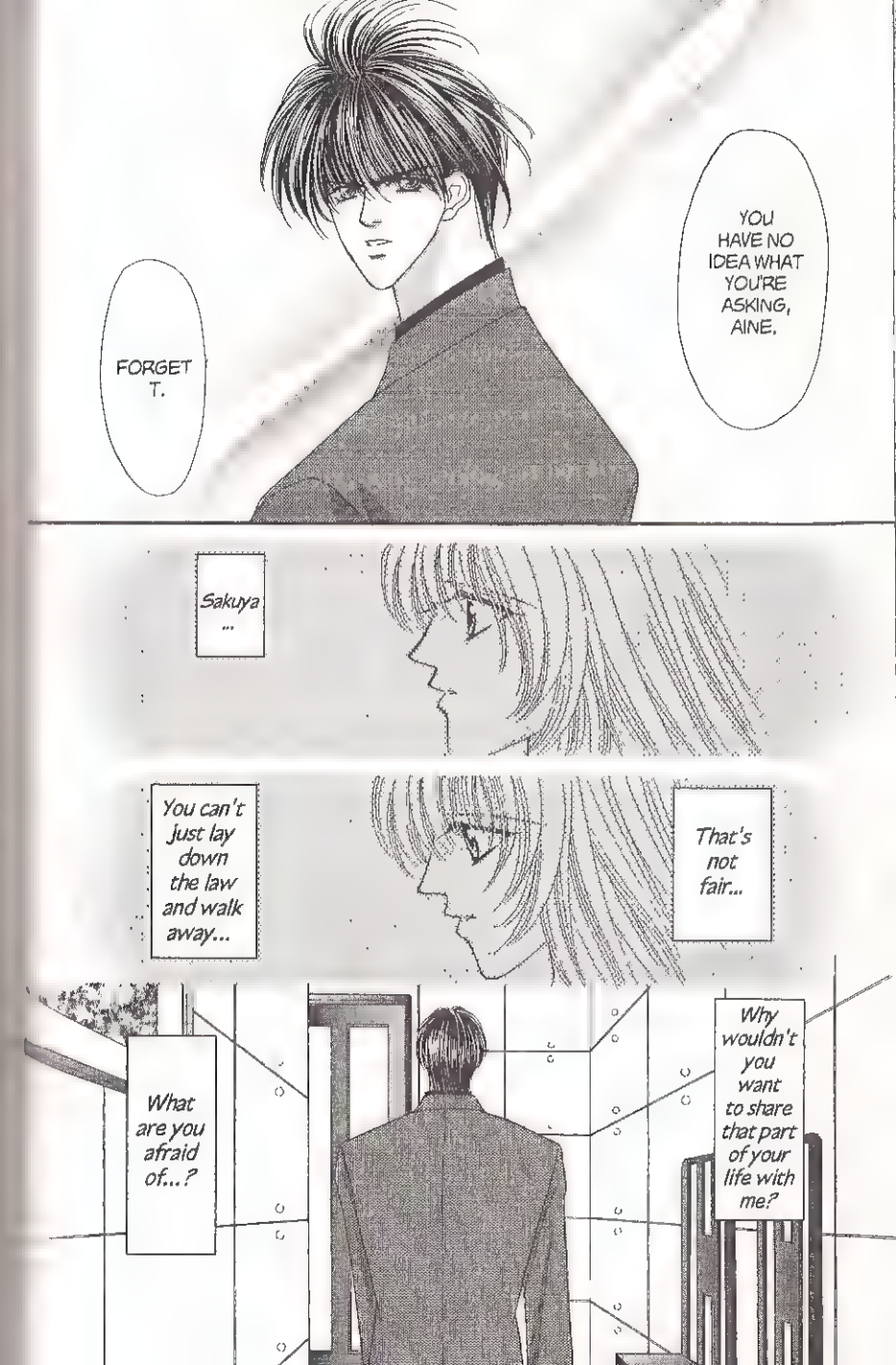

...I'm modeling?!
DEAL.
...
I GOT THE SHOT ONCE, I'LL GET IT AGAIN.

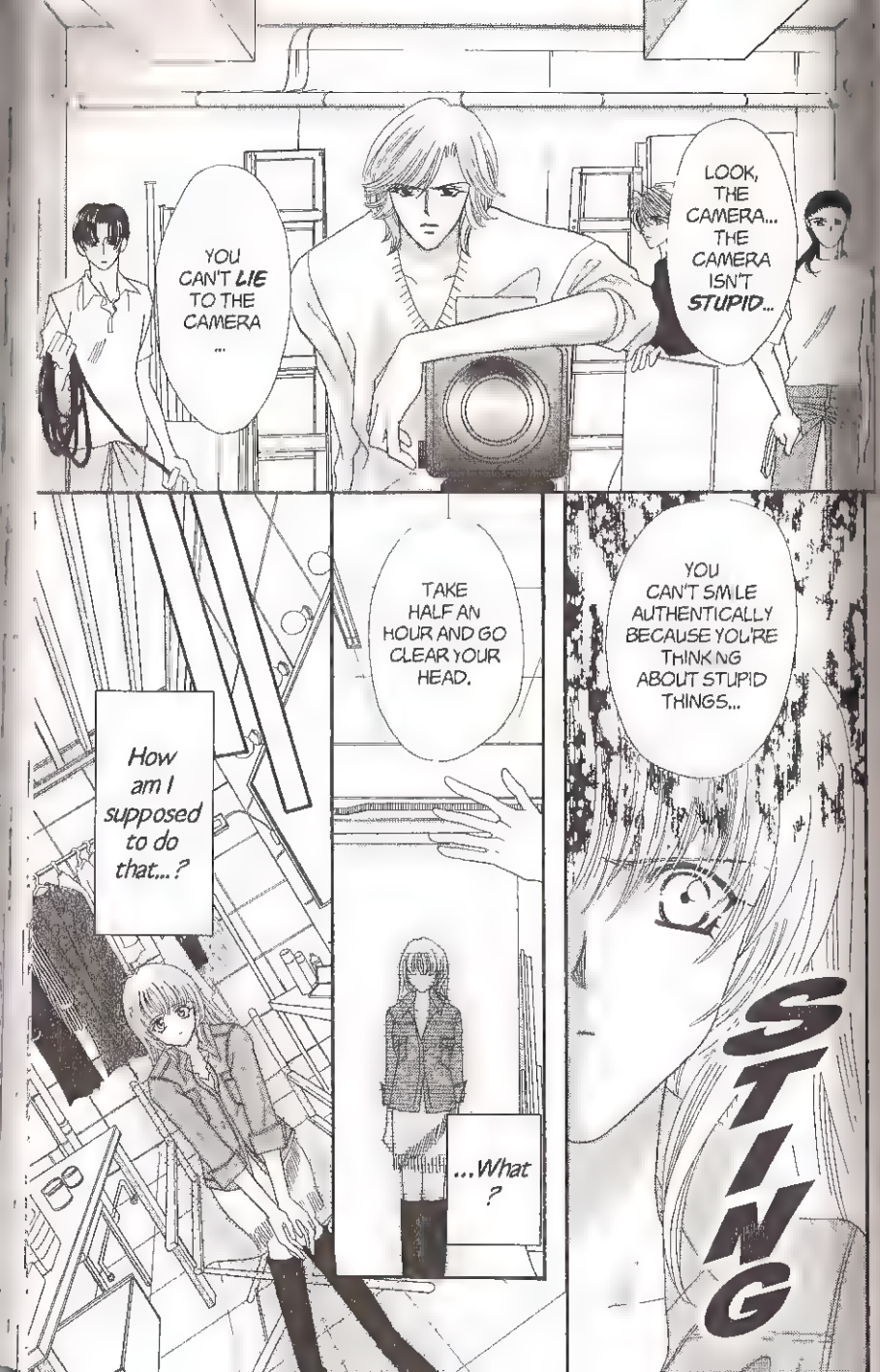

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ?
AINE, OUR LIVES ARE COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS...
IF YOU WENT INTO SHOW BUSINESS ...
...WE WOULD LOSE WHAT LITTLE PRIVACY AND SECURITY WE HAVE LEFT. IF YOU WENT IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU AT ALL.
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIS ALL WRONG! IF I WENT INTO SHOW BUSINESS...
...WE COULD BE EQUALS !!
WE'D UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER...
AND ...
BECAUSE WE'D SHARE THE SAME LIFE. THE SAME JOYS, THE SAME PAINS...
YAAK

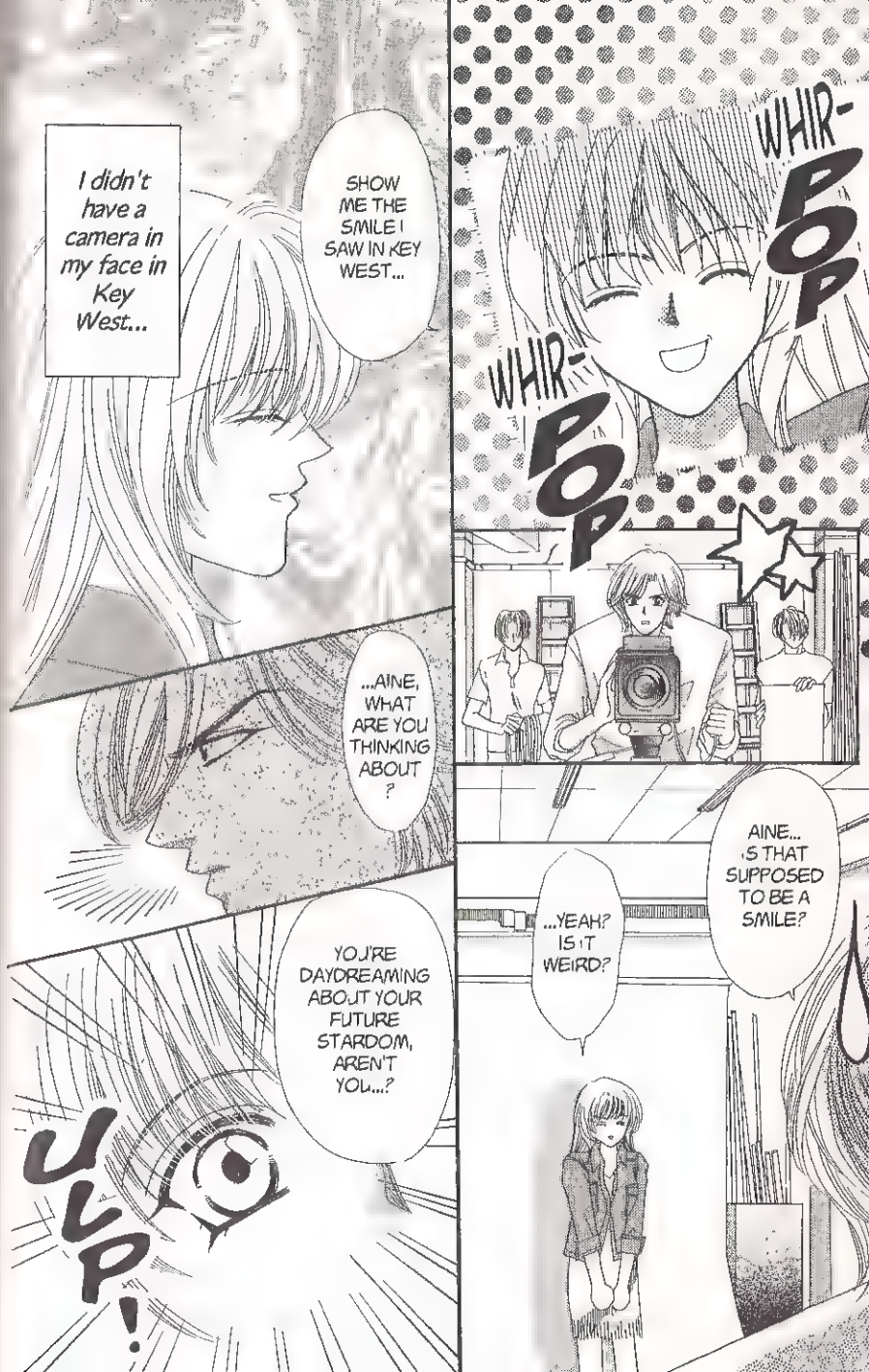

I DON'T WANT TO SHARE YOU WITH THE WORLD. YOU ARE THE ONE PART OF MY LIFE THAT IS SACRED...
But...
SHH. JUST LISTEN ...

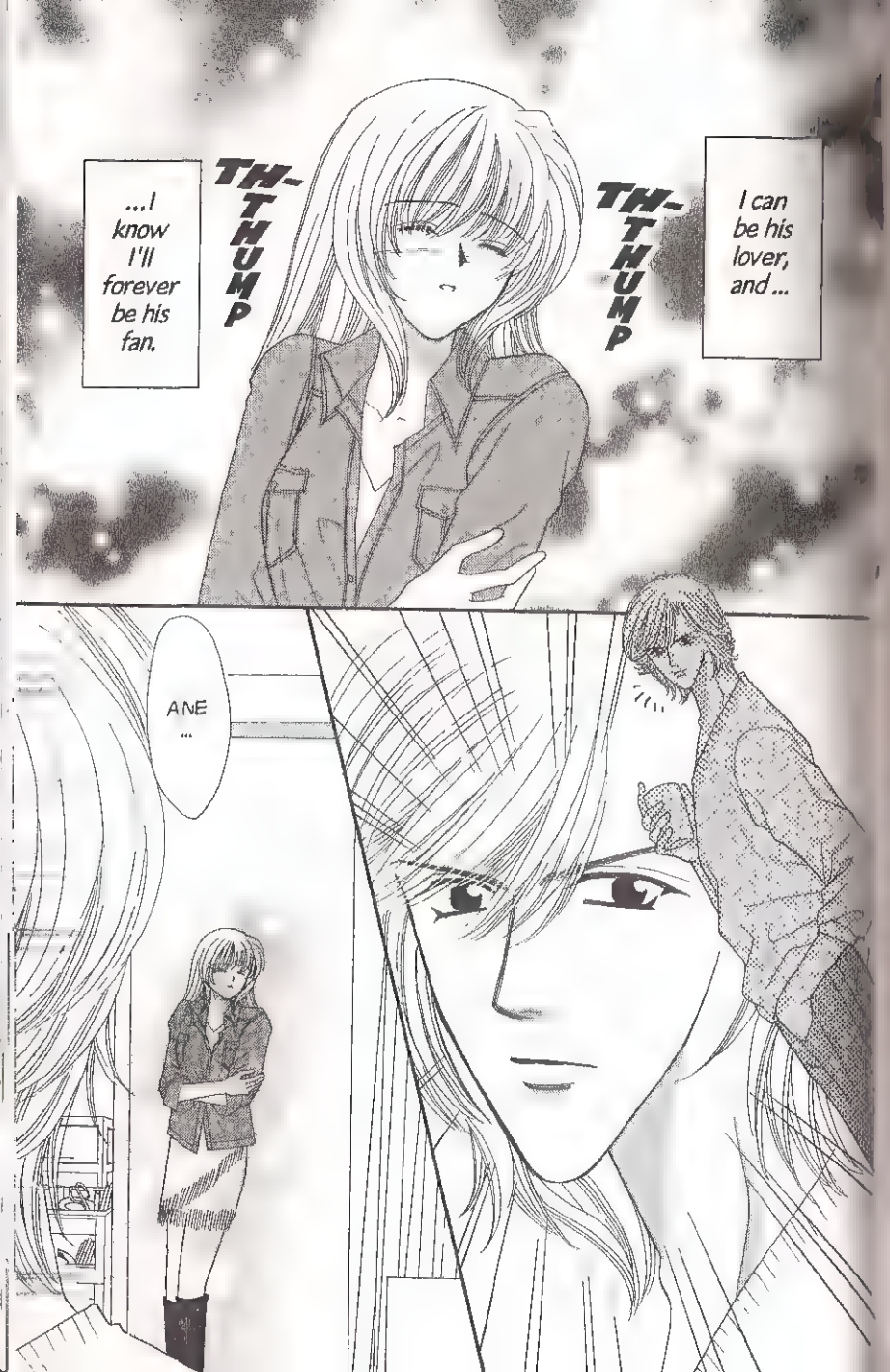

MM ...
OH, GOD ...

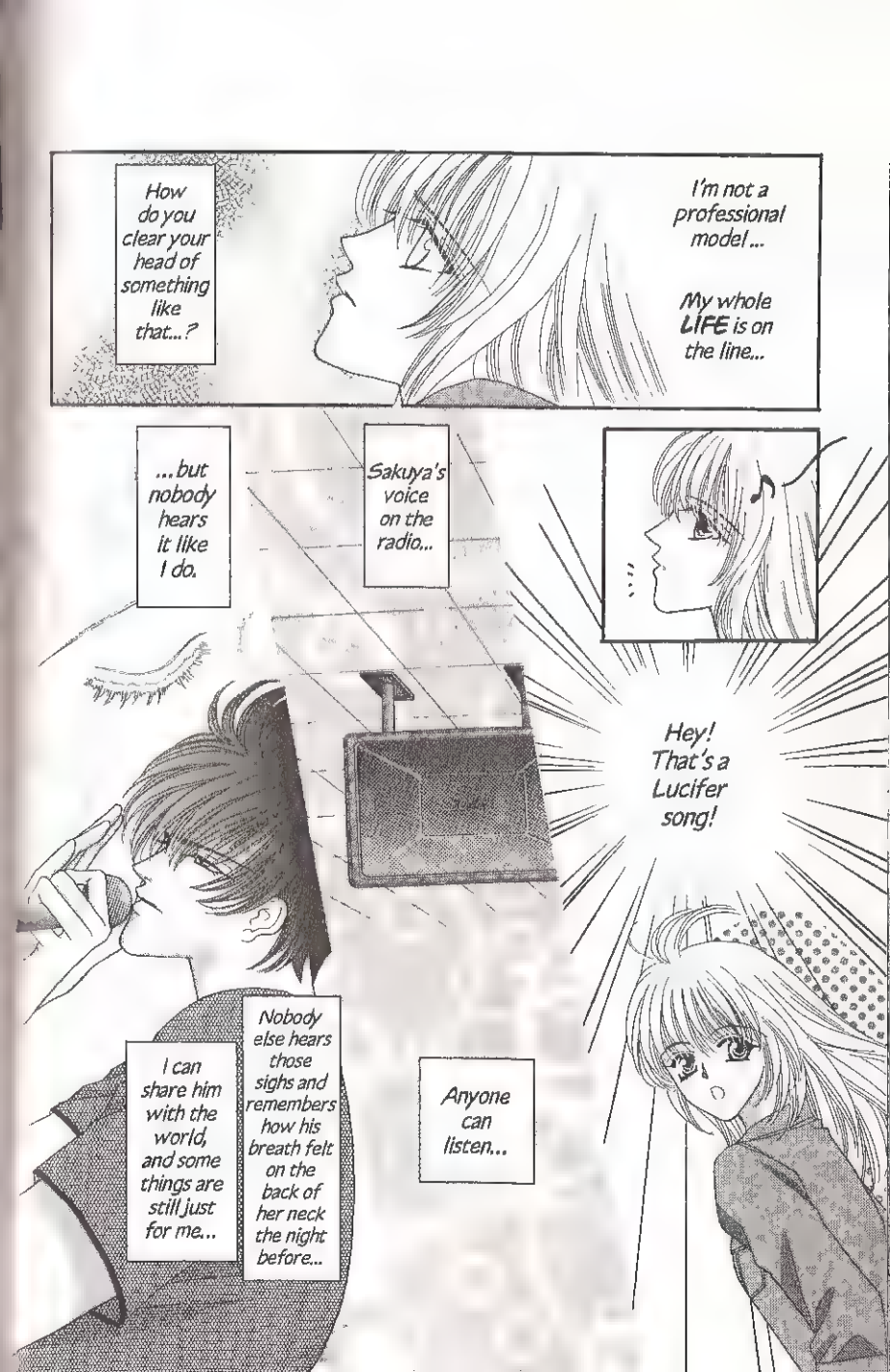
I JUST NEED TO BE A GOOD MODEL! HOW HARD CAN THAT BE...?
And what about me? What about my dreams...?
WAIT!
Hold on...
If Mr. Tokugawa can get a good shot of me, then the deal's off...

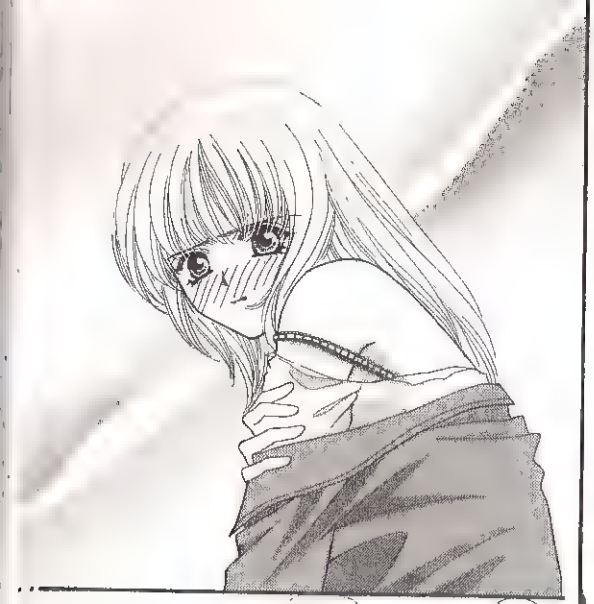

FORGET IT.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE ASKING, AINE.
Sakuya...
You can't just lay down the law and walk away...
That's not fair...
What are you afraid of...?
Why wouldn't you want to share that part of your life with me?

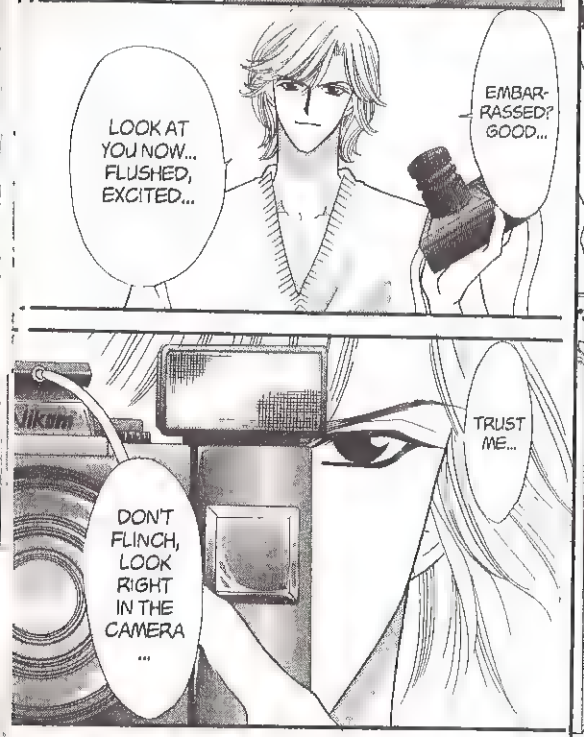

YOU CAN'T LIE TO THE CAMERA...
LOOK, THE CAMERA... THE CAMERA ISN'T STUPID...
YOU CAN'T SMILE AUTHENTICALLY BECAUSE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT STUPID THINGS...
TAKE HALF AN HOUR AND GO CLEAR YOUR HEAD.
How am I supposed to do that...?
...What?
STING


I didn't have a camera in my face in Key West...
SHOW ME THE SMILE I SAW IN KEY WEST...
...AINE, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE DAYDREAMING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE STARDOM, AREN'T YOU...?
GULP!
WHIR-
POP
WHIR-
POP
AINE... IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A SMILE?
...YEAH? IS IT WEIRD?

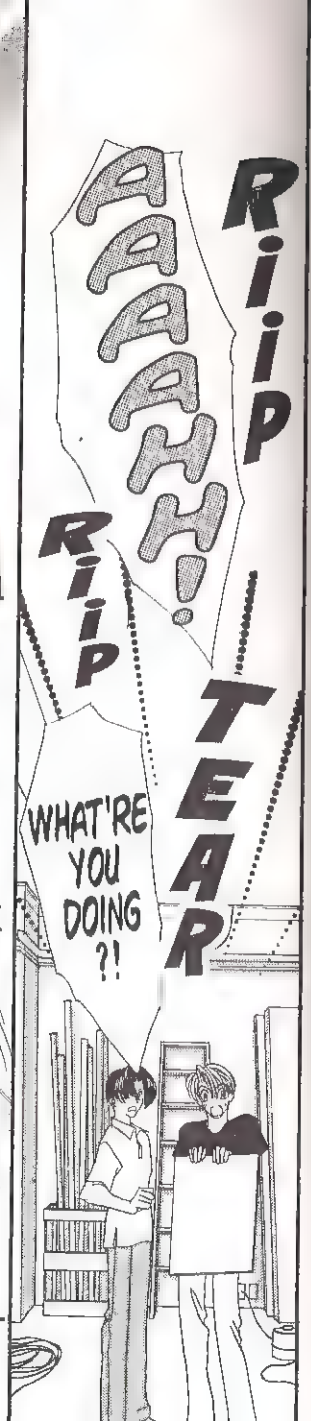

...I know I'll forever be his fan.
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
I can be his lover, and...
ANE...


How do you clear your head of something like that...?
I'm not a professional model...
My whole LIFE is on the line...
...but nobody hears it like I do.
Sakuya's voice on the radio...
Hey! That's a Lucifer song!
I can share him with the world, and some things are still just for me...
Nobody else hears those sighs and remembers how his breath felt on the back of her neck the night before...
Anyone can listen...

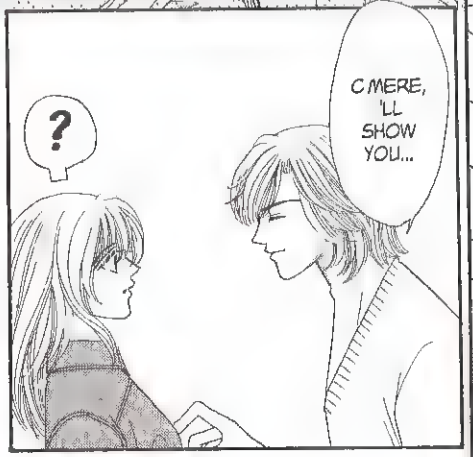


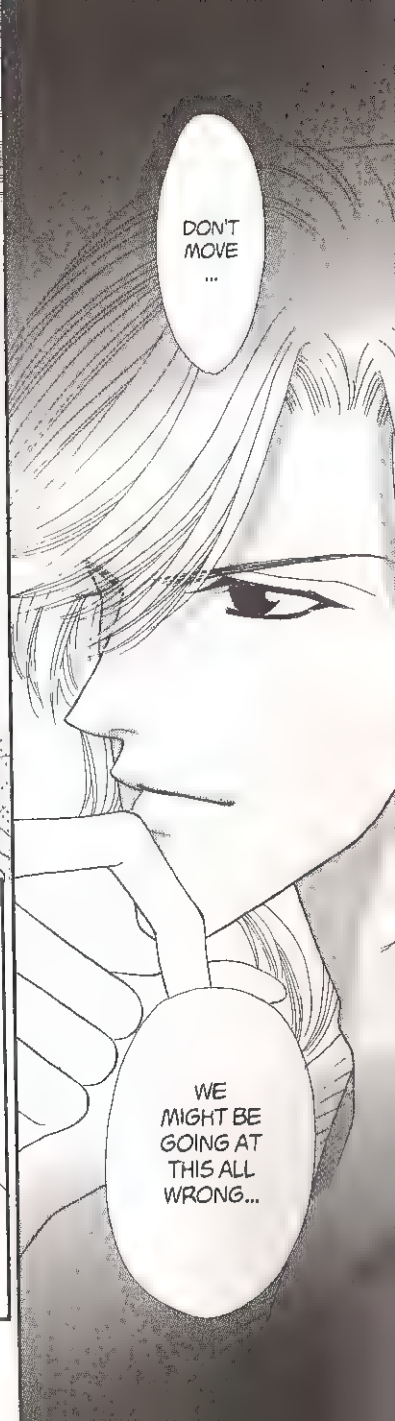

LOOK AT YOU NOW... FLUSHED, EXCITED...
EMBARRASSED? GOOD...

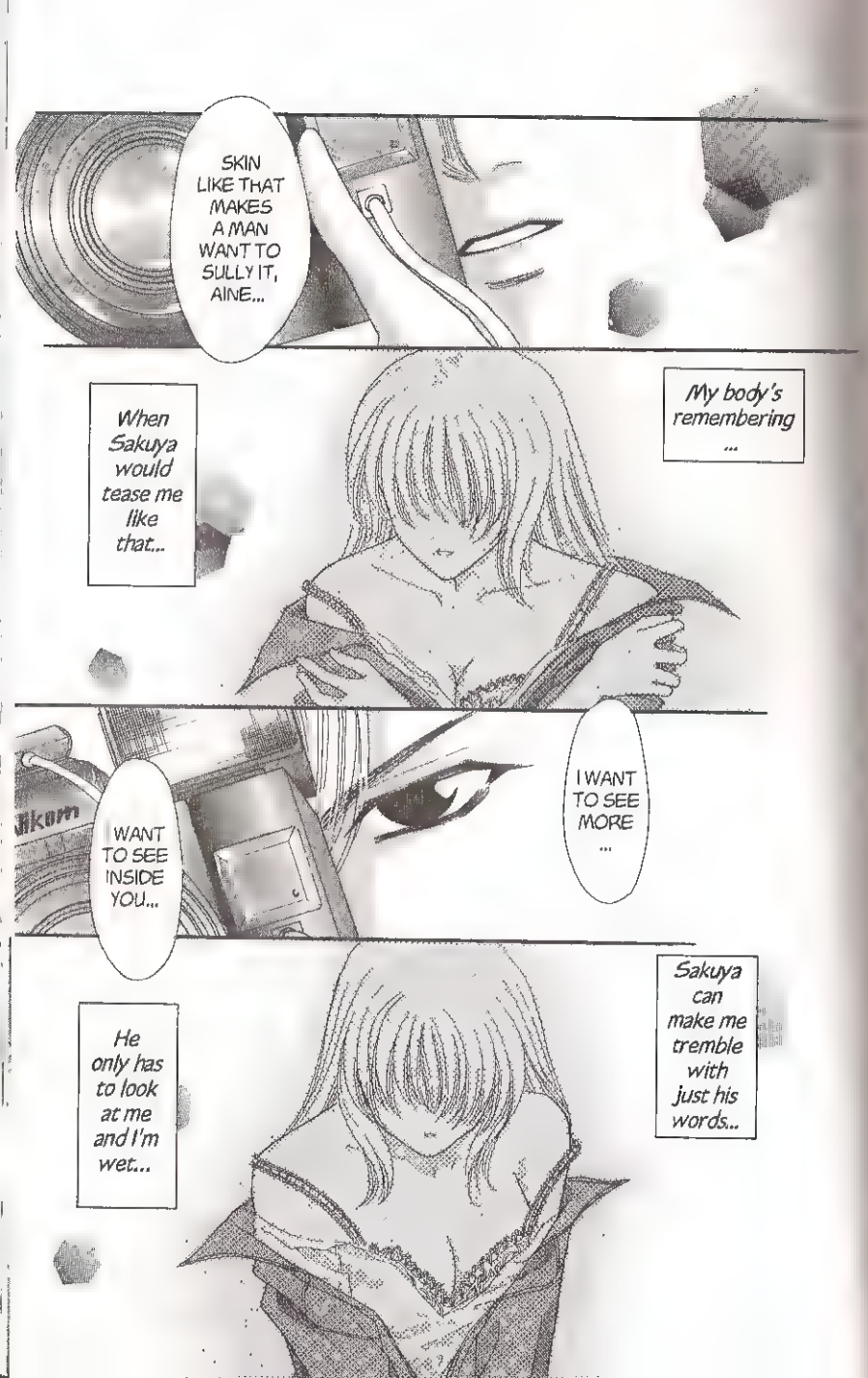
DON'T FLINCH, LOOK RIGHT IN THE CAMERA ...
TRUST ME...


AAAHH!
RIIP
TEAR
RIIP
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!

OKAY EVERYBODY, BREAK'S OVER.
UM... WHAT'S WITH THE BED...?


?
C'MERE, I'LL SHOW YOU...


DON'T MOVE ...
WE MIGHT BE GOING AT THIS ALL WRONG...


SKIN LIKE THAT MAKES A MAN WANT TO SULLY IT, AINE...
When Sakuya would tease me like that...
My body's remembering ...
I WANT TO SEE MORE ...
I WANT TO SEE INSIDE YOU...
Sakuya can make me tremble with just his words...
He only has to look at me and I'm wet...

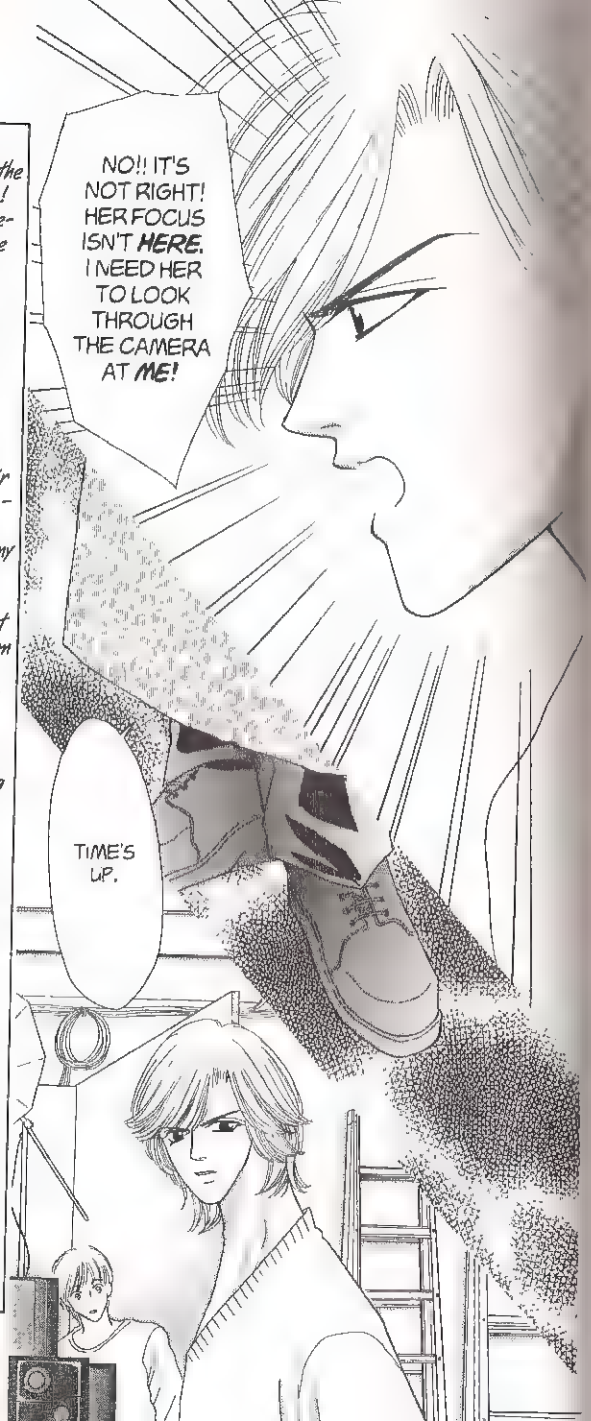
WHIRR-CLICK
BEAU-TIFUL ...
Sakuya says that...
SO VULNERABLE... THAT'S IT...
What ...
"Vulnerable..."
SKIN SO SOFT... CREAMY WHITE...
WHIRR-CLICK

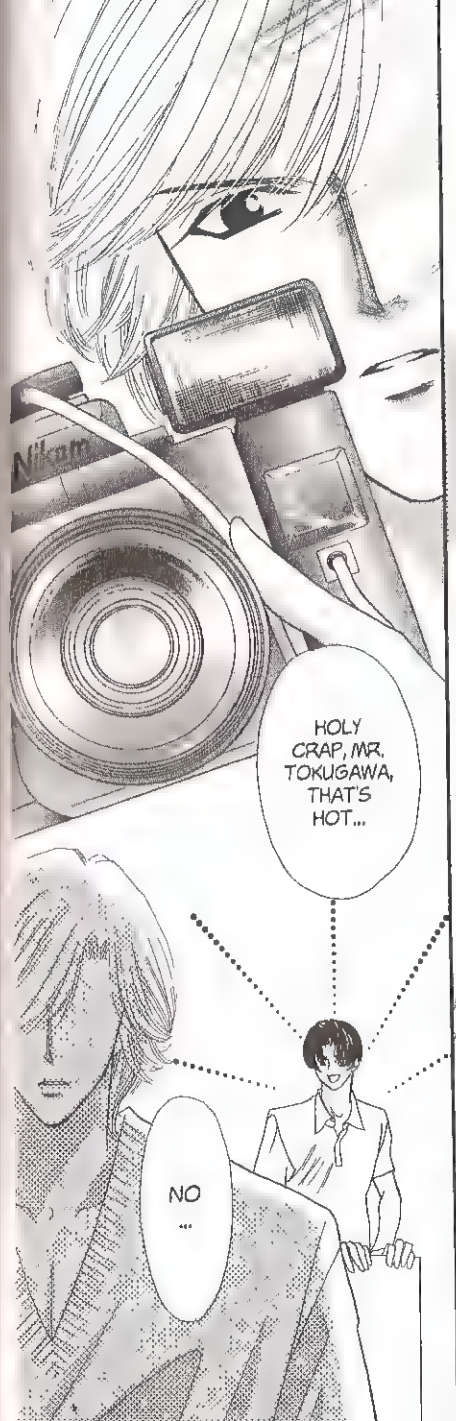
...but the Sensual Phrase anime doesn't try to cover the same ground as the manga! It's a separate thing, a side-story - one compliments the other, but they both stand alone. Make sense?

I look forward to hearing what you think, so keep sending in those letters.

Oh yeah!! I want to recommend an artist here, too: Sex Machine Guns!! Their videos are cool and hilarious- funny lyrics, catchy melodies and solid musicianship-- all my assistants are into them (okay, except for one)! They're so cool!! I really want to see them live--!! Check 'em out!! (Personally, I like TEKKEN II and Sakurajima!)

Have you noticed that the band boom has quieted down recently? Things were moving at a crazy pace there for a while. I mean, the Glay guys are already old pros! That was the sense I got from their dome show, anyway. I mean, their shows have become really high-tech. Sets, and props, and special effects--there's even a computerized Kei character that appears in the middle of the show to introduce the band. I can't be the only person who thought it looked like Sonoko Suzuki... Anyway, it's amazing how they've evolved. Next up: Okinawa!! The Hokkaido dates were all sold out. I was pretty bummed. Those of you who get to go, send me details!



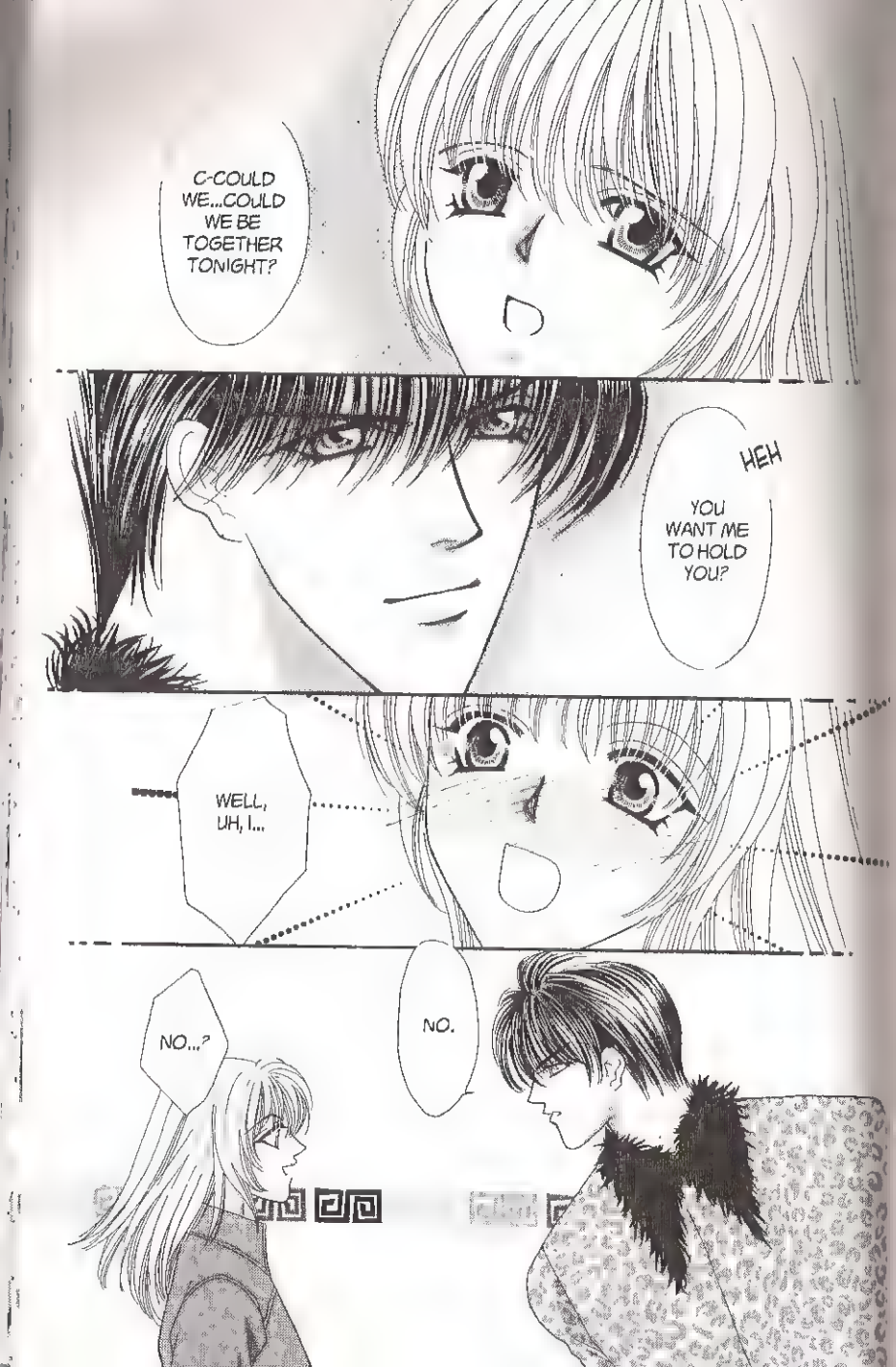


...I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU.
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE ...
...A PEEPING TOM WITH A CAMERA AND A LUCKY BREAK...

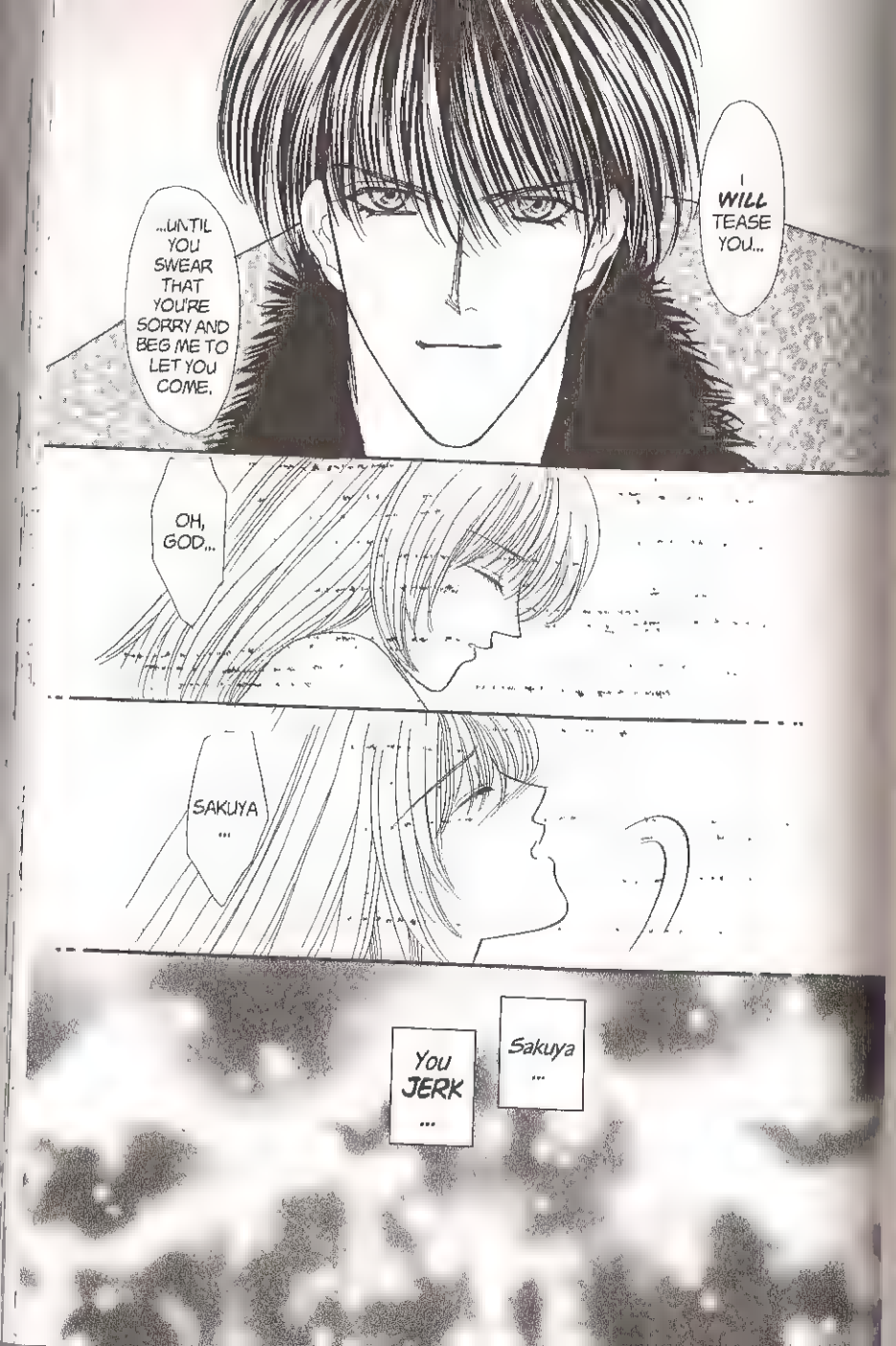
SAKUYA ...
SAKUYA ...
SAKUYA !!
AINE, IT'S TIME TO GO...

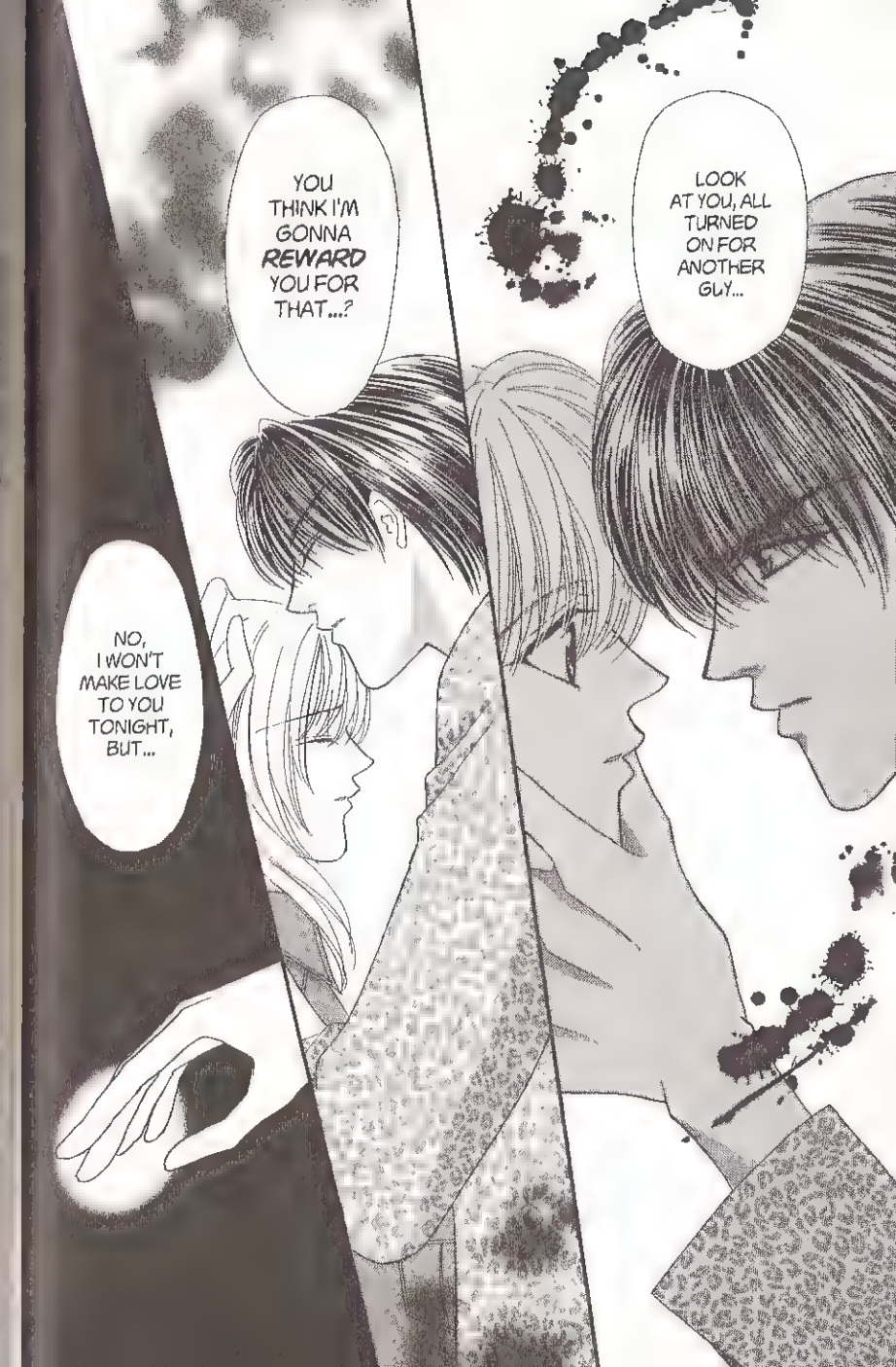
CRACK
!!
DON'T EVER TRY THAT AGAIN...

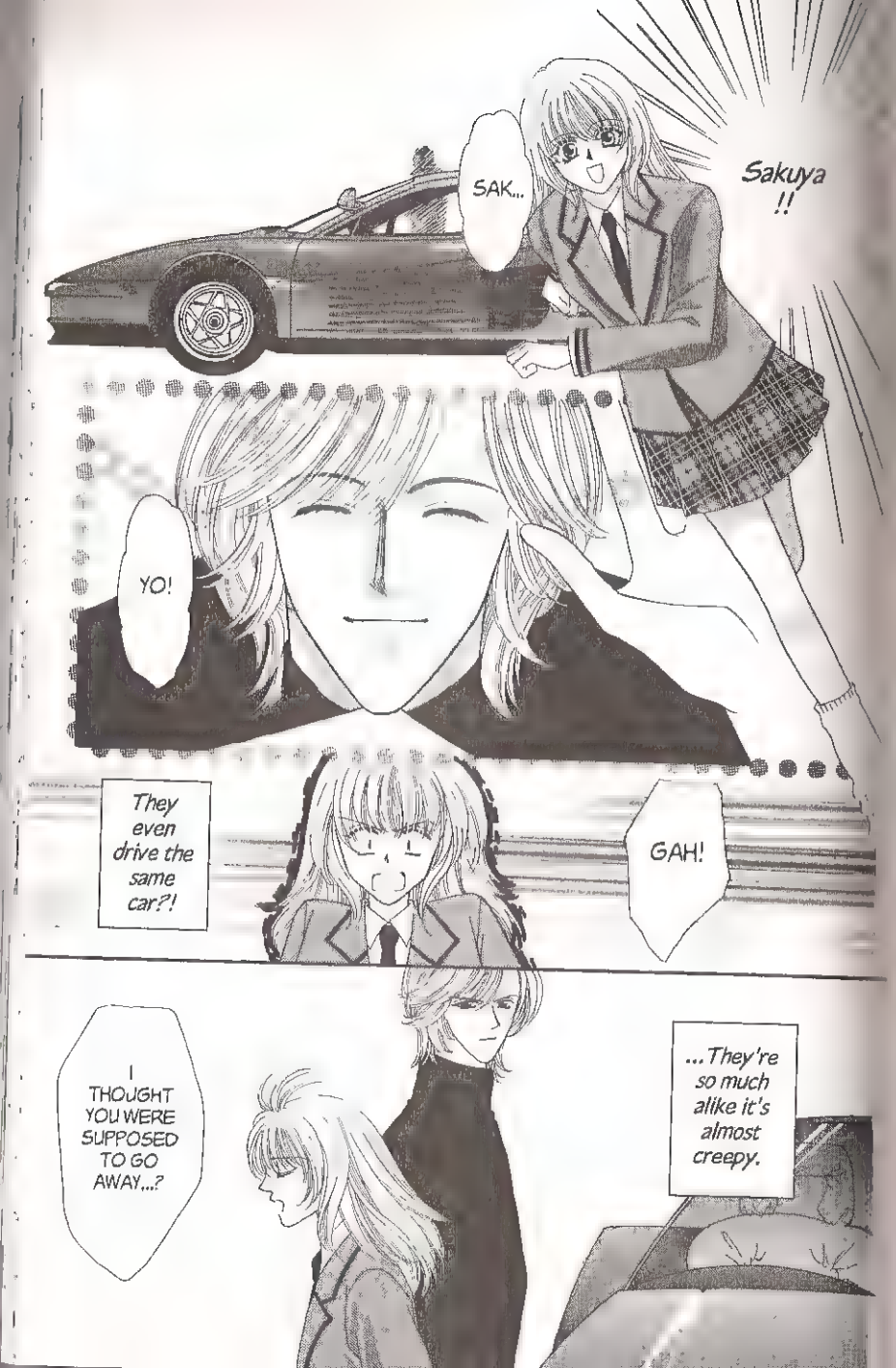
I GET IT...
BECAUSE...
I PUT THAT SMILE ON HER FACE...
HEY HOT-SHOT...

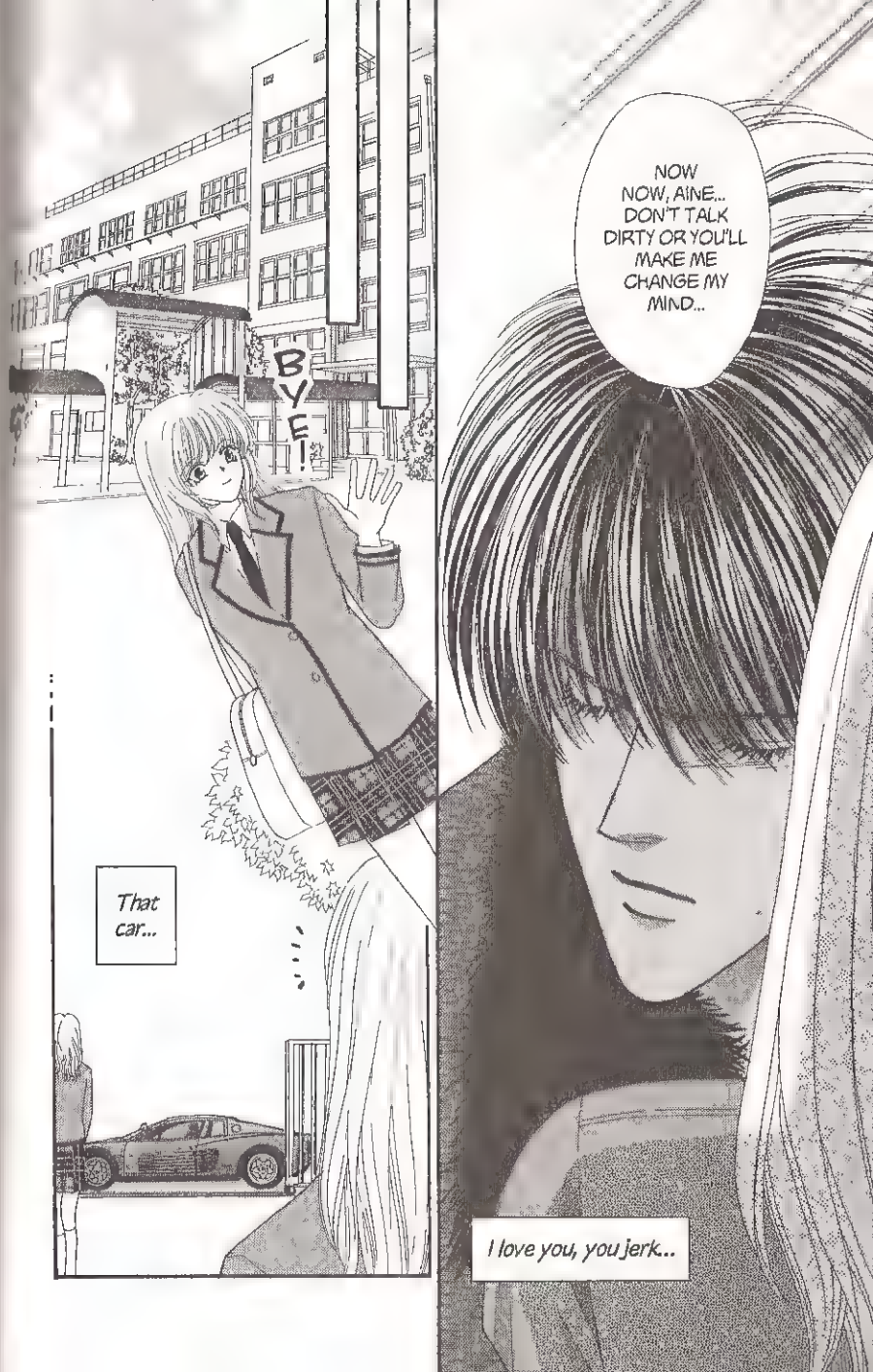

C-COULD WE...COULD WE BE TOGETHER TONIGHT?
HEH
YOU WANT ME TO HOLD YOU?
WELL, UH, I...
NO...?
NO.

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST JEALOUS BOYFRIEND I'VE COME UP AGAINST...? YOU FOOL...
SAKUYA ...?
SAKU-YA..
Being exposed like that...
SQUEEZE
...WHAT?
I'm still tarted up...

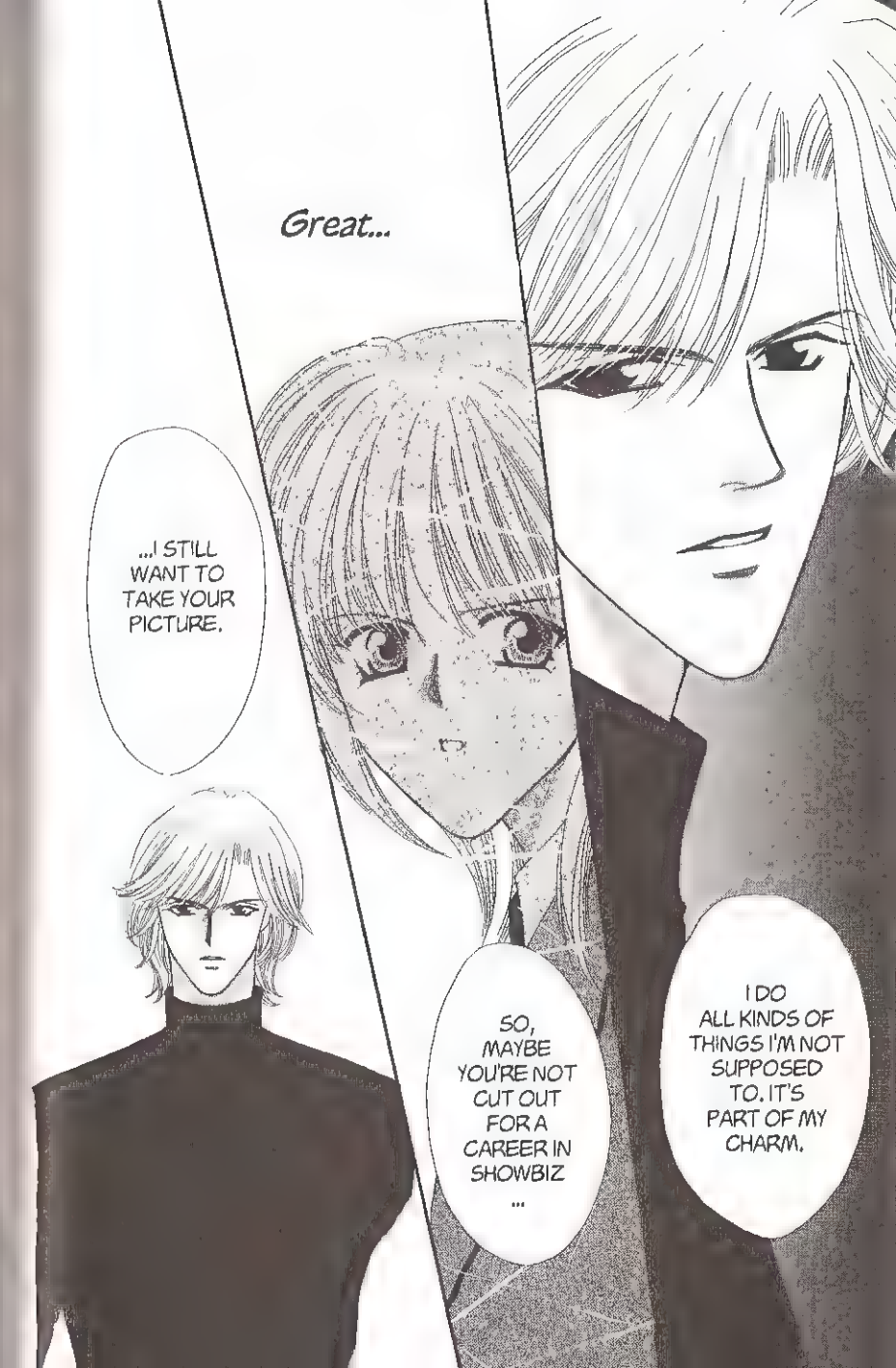

I WILL TEASE YOU...
...UNTIL YOU SWEAR THAT YOU'RE SORRY AND BEG ME TO LET YOU COME.
OH, GOD...
SAKUYA ...
You JERK ...
Sakuya ...

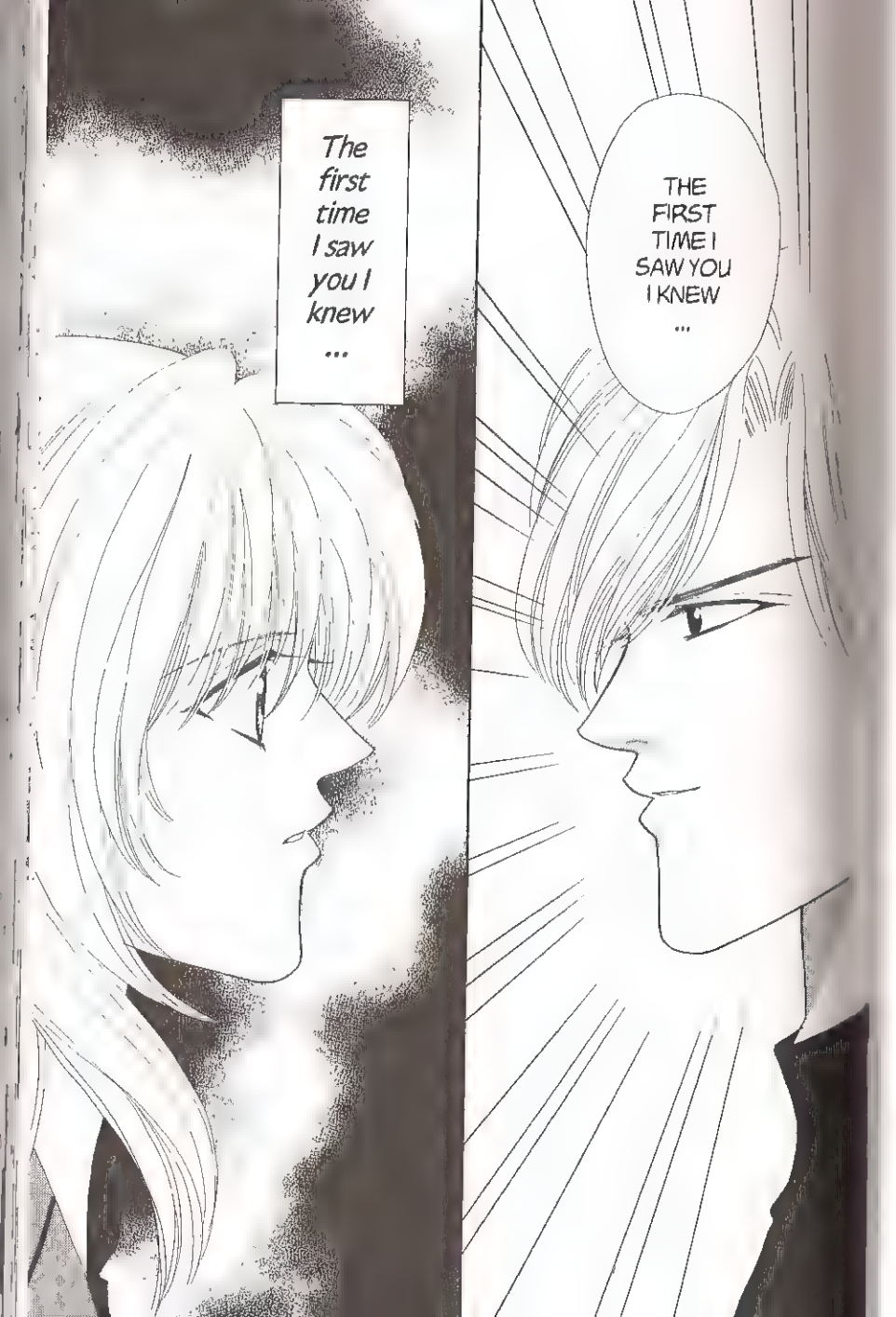

LOOK AT YOU, ALL TURNED ON FOR ANOTHER GUY...
YOU THINK I'M GONNA REWARD YOU FOR THAT...?
NO, I WON'T MAKE LOVE TO YOU TONIGHT, BUT...

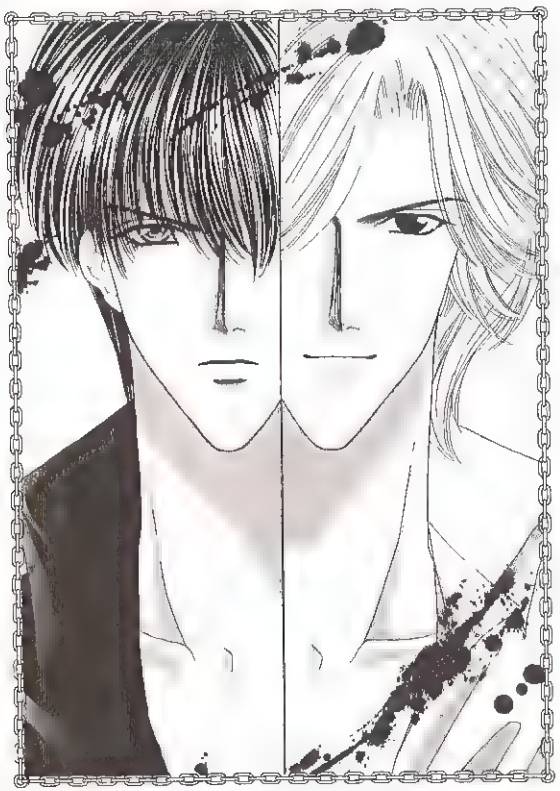

SAK...
Sakuya !!
YO!
They even drive the same car?!
GAH!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GO AWAY...?
...They're so much alike it's almost creepy.

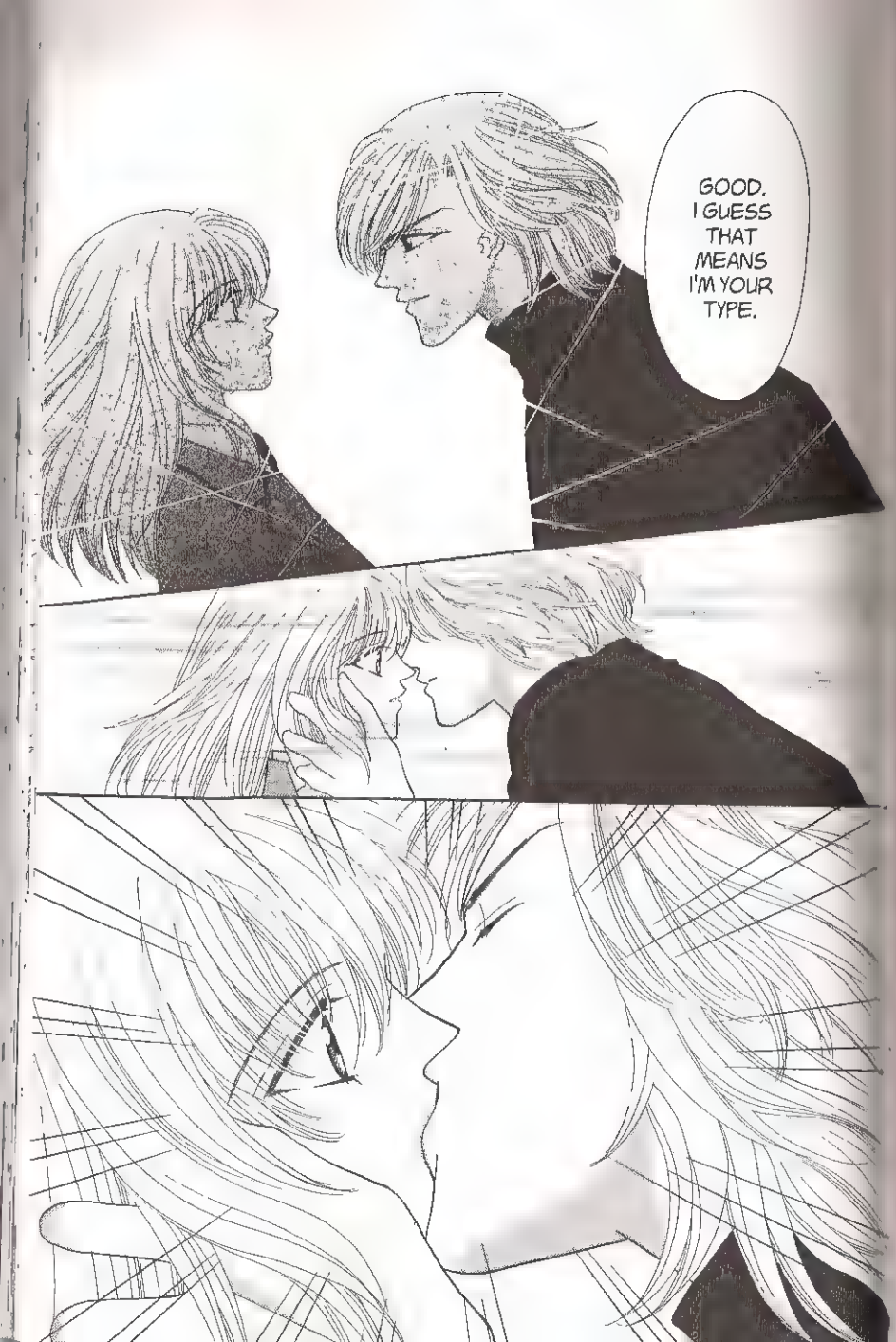

BYE!
That car...
NOW NOW, AINE... DON'T TALK DIRTY OR YOU'LL MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND...
I love you, you jerk...

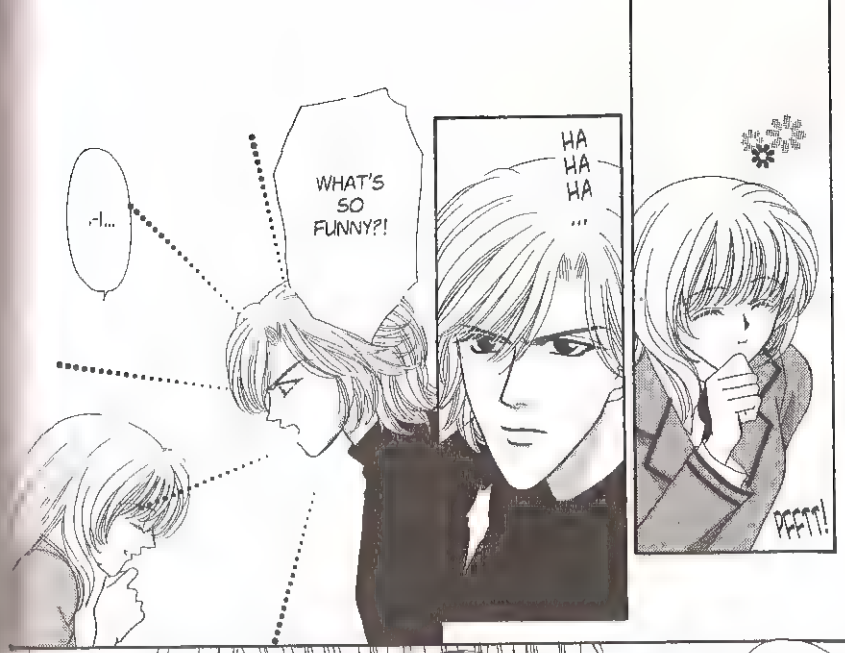
...I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME.
SO I WAS THINKING ...
IF THAT INSCRUTABLE LITTLE SMILE OF YOURS BELONGS TO THE MAN YOU LOVE...
Fall in LOVE with you?!

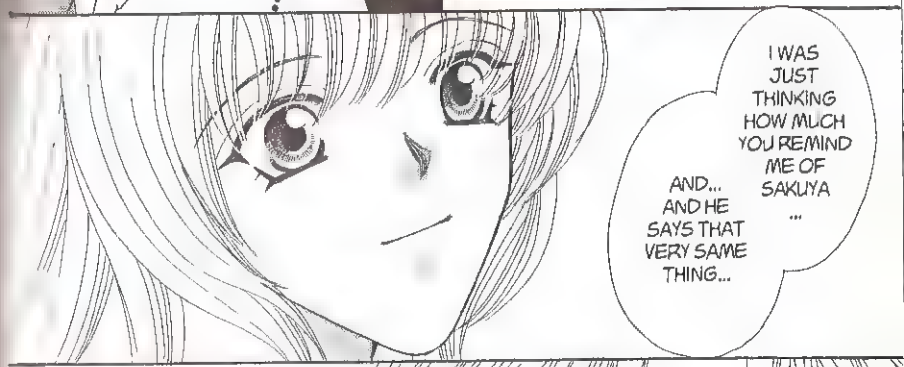

Great...
...I STILL WANT TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE.
SO, MAYBE YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR A CAREER IN SHOWBIZ ...
I DO ALL KINDS OF THINGS I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO. IT'S PART OF MY CHARM.


The first time I saw you I knew ...
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU I KNEW ...



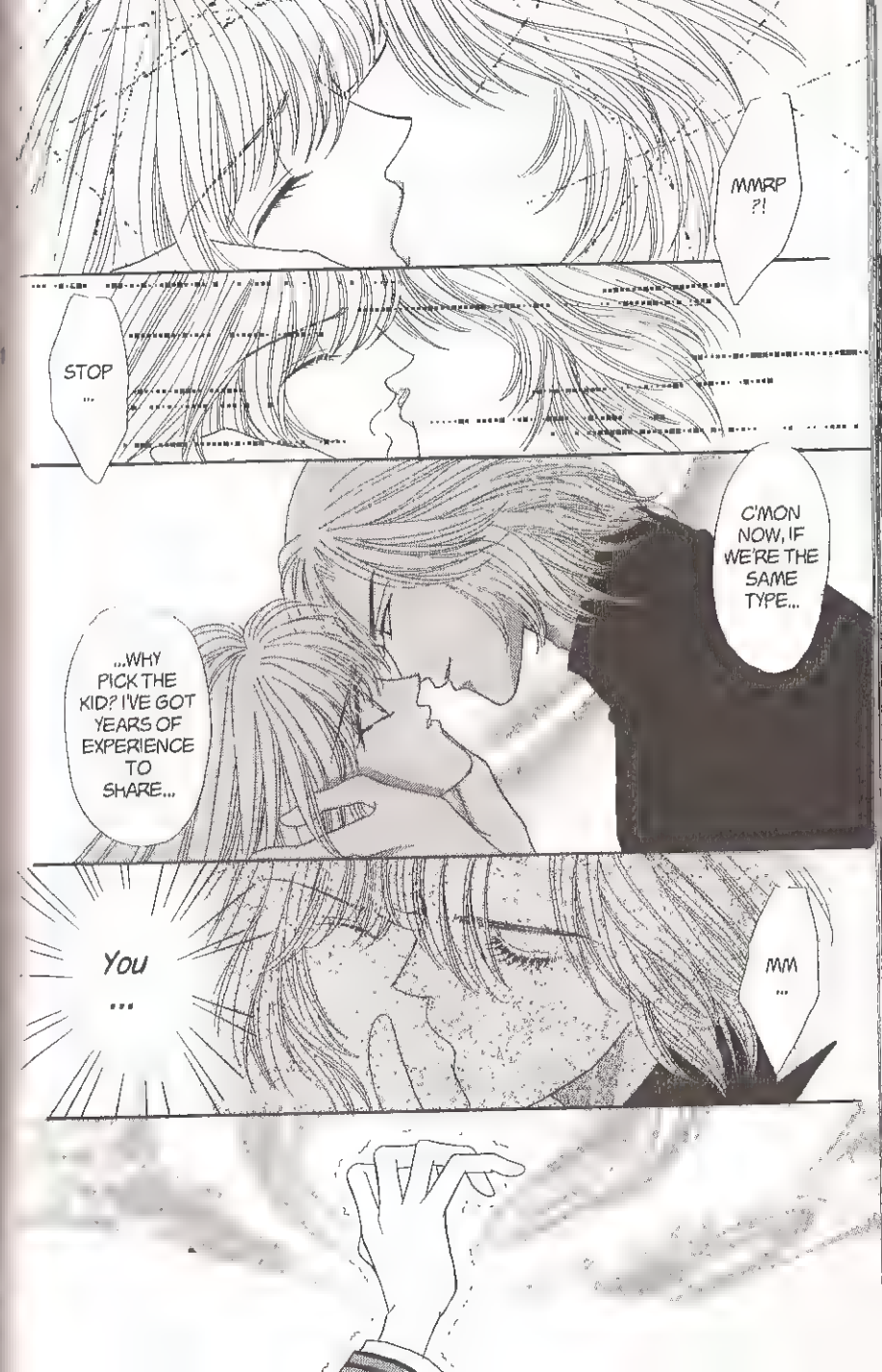

GOOD. I GUESS THAT MEANS I'M YOUR TYPE.


-!...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
HA HA HA ...
PFFT!


I WAS JUST THINKING HOW MUCH YOU REMIND ME OF SAKUYA ...
AND... AND HE SAYS THAT VERY SAME THING...

WELL, THEN...
I REMIND YOU OF HIM, HUH?

FLAIL
SHOVE
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF A GOOD PICTURE, AINE...
IF YOU NEED TO LOVE ME TO GIVE ME THAT LOOK, I'LL MAKE YOU LOVE ME...
LOVE ME THROUGH THE LENS...
HOW DARE YOU!
HEY!!


MMRP ?!
STOP ...
C'MON NOW, IF WE'RE THE SAME TYPE...
...WHY PICK THE KID? I'VE GOT YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO SHARE...
You ...
MM ...

The Seven Mysteries of Sensual Phrase

Okay, I confess: I've made a few, er, miscalculations that have resulted in some confusion. Let's clear the air here and now, shall we?

(1) AINE'S CLASS STARTED AS JUNIOR CLASS A, BUT NOW IT'S JUNIOR CLASS 5...?

Sorry, my bad... It'll be Junior class 5 from now on.

(2) AYAKO SAKURA AND SAKUYA'S AGE DIFFERENCE CHANGES...?

They should be eight years apart. So: if Sakuya is 17 right now, that makes Ayako 25.

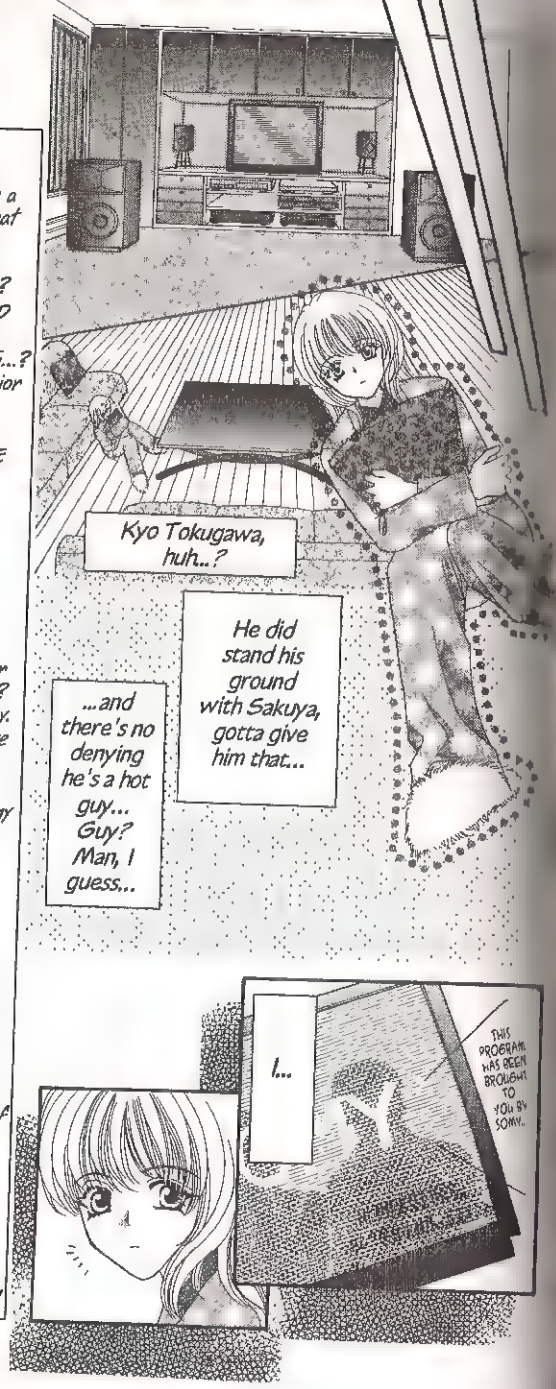
(3) THE HICKEY THAT TOMOYUKI GIVES AINE CHANGES LOCATIONS...?

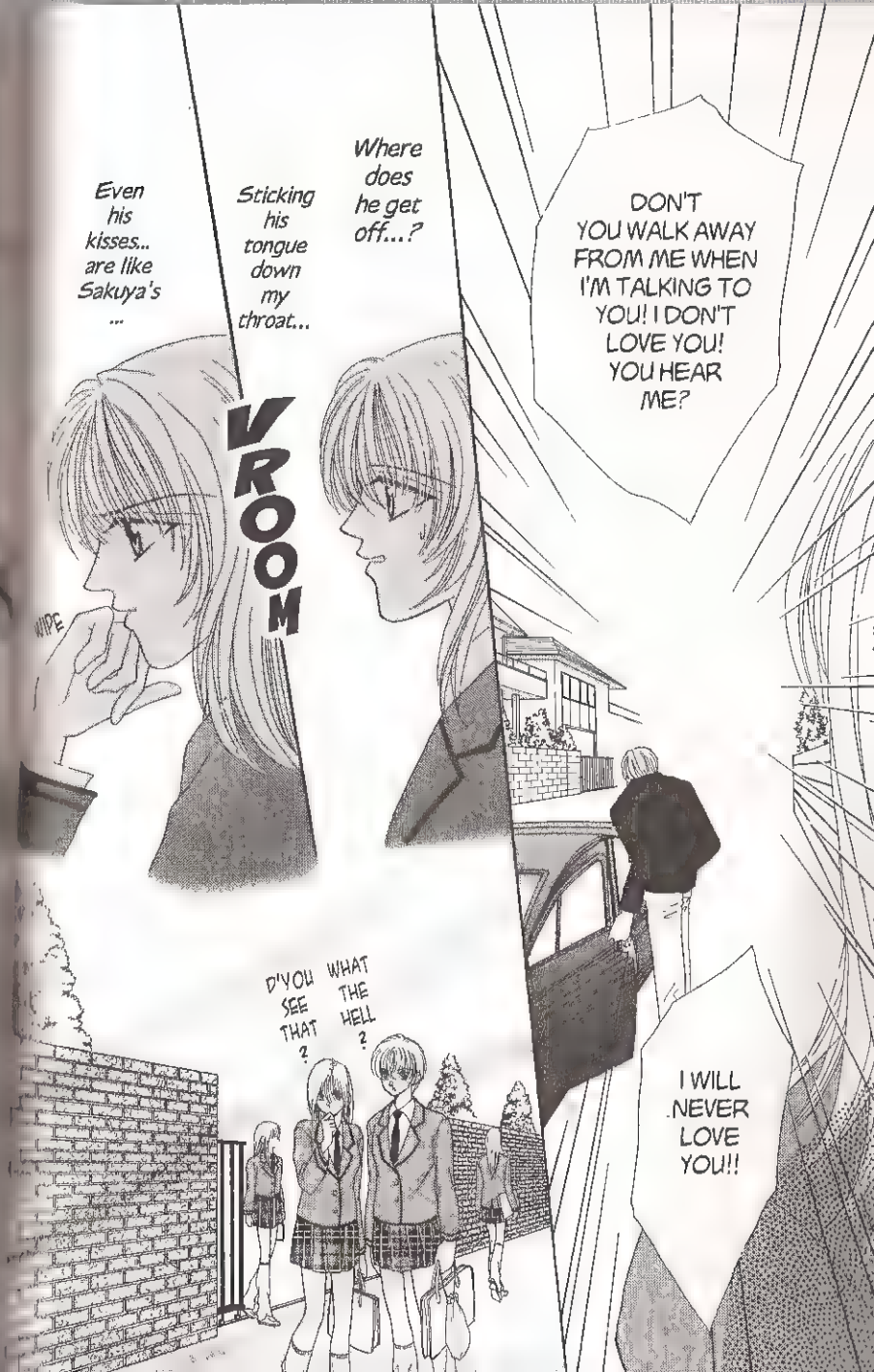
What? You mean you've never heard of a traveling hickey...? Yeah, okay, you got me. Sorry. I was out of it. It should have been on her left side the whole time.

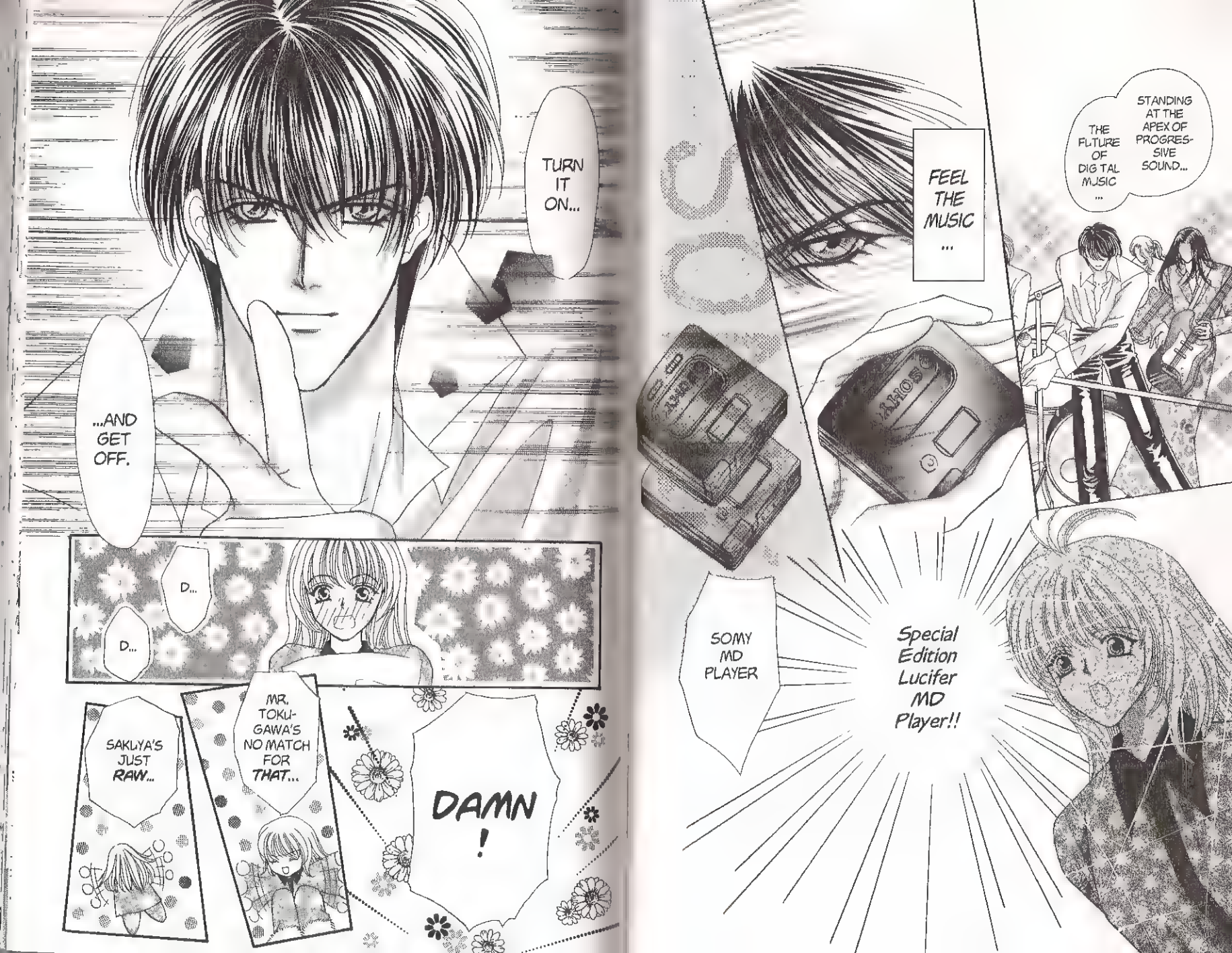
Okay, I'm sure there are many more "mysteries" in Sensual Phrase, but I have a suggestion: don't look for mistakes! Just have a laugh, forgive me and move on!

About my BMer:

Okay, I've tooootally been into cars lately. I've been meeting people on the Internet and in person for the sole purpose of talking about cars. Most of them are men. (Heh!) I've modified all sorts of parts of my car (My car's name is "Terurin"). There's even a store in Yokohama that specializes in BMW parts - we get together there and chat or just shop. A BMW is a deep car, my friends. And hey - my driving has improved!


Kyo Tokugawa, huh...?
He did stand his ground with Sakuya, gotta give him that...
...and there's no denying he's a hot guy... Guy? Man, I guess...
I...
THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU BY SONY.


Even his kisses... are like Sakuya's ...
Sticking his tongue down my throat...
Where does he get off...?
VROOM
WIPE
DON'T YOU WALK AWAY FROM ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU! I DON'T LOVE YOU! YOU HEAR ME?
D'YOU SEE THAT?
WHAT THE HELL?
I WILL NEVER LOVE YOU!!


TURN IT ON...
...AND GET OFF.
D...
D...
SAKUYA'S JUST RAW...
MR. TOKUGAWA'S NO MATCH FOR THAT...
DAMN!
FEEL THE MUSIC ...
SONY
SONY
STANDING AT THE APEX OF PROGRESSIVE SOUND...
THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL MUSIC ...
SONY MD PLAYER
Special Edition Lucifer MD Player!!

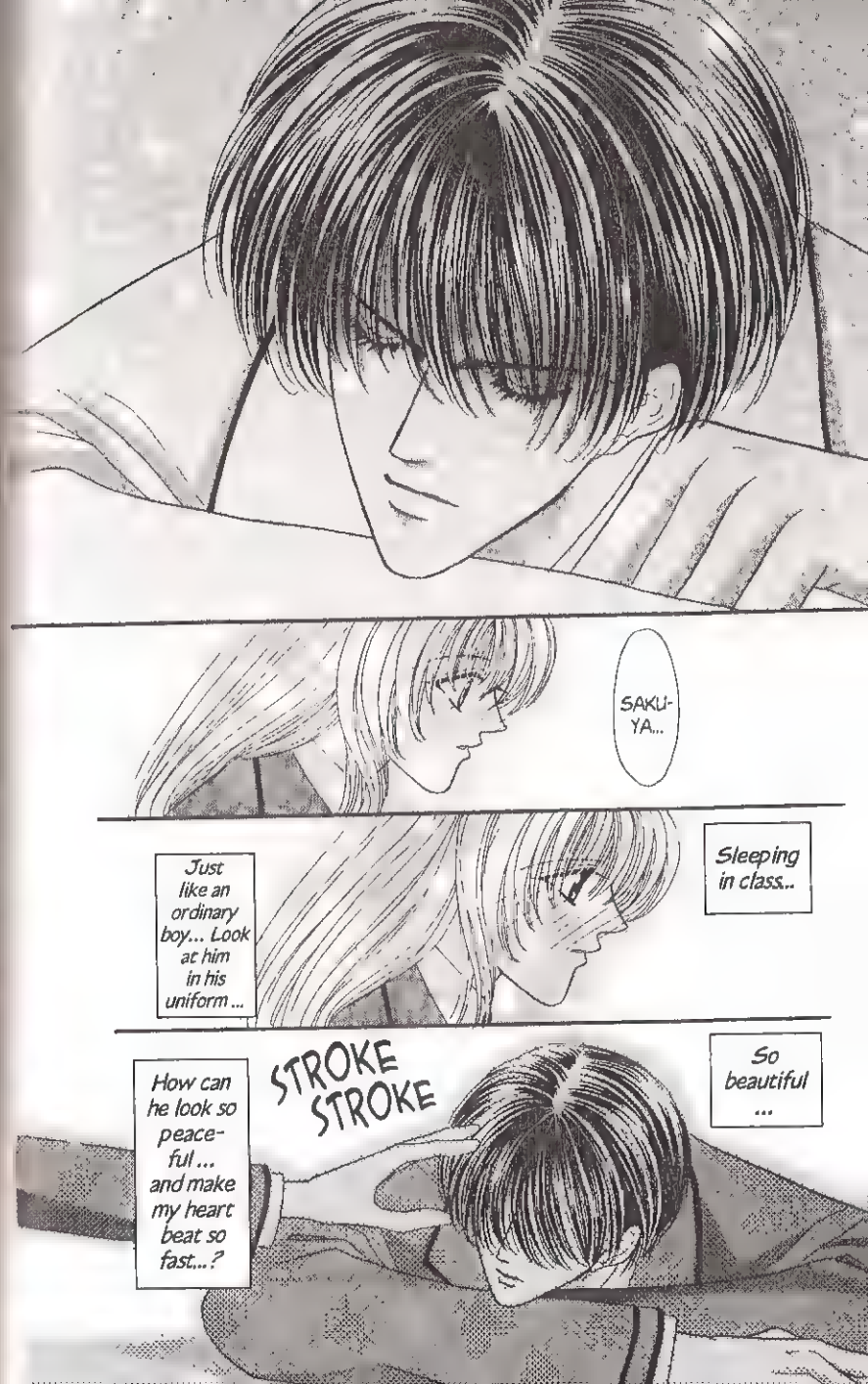
Sakuya !!
SORRY I'M LATE...
SETTLE DOWN !!
EEE!
EEE!
EEE!
SAKUYA!
SCREECH
I WAS GONNA TAKE THE WEEK OFF...
THE SCHOOL CALLED. I'M SHORT ON ATTENDANCE SO THEY NEEDED ME TO COME IN AND TAKE SOME TESTS...
G-GOOD MORNING. WHAT ARE YOU...?
G-MORN-ING.
Sakuya at school ?!

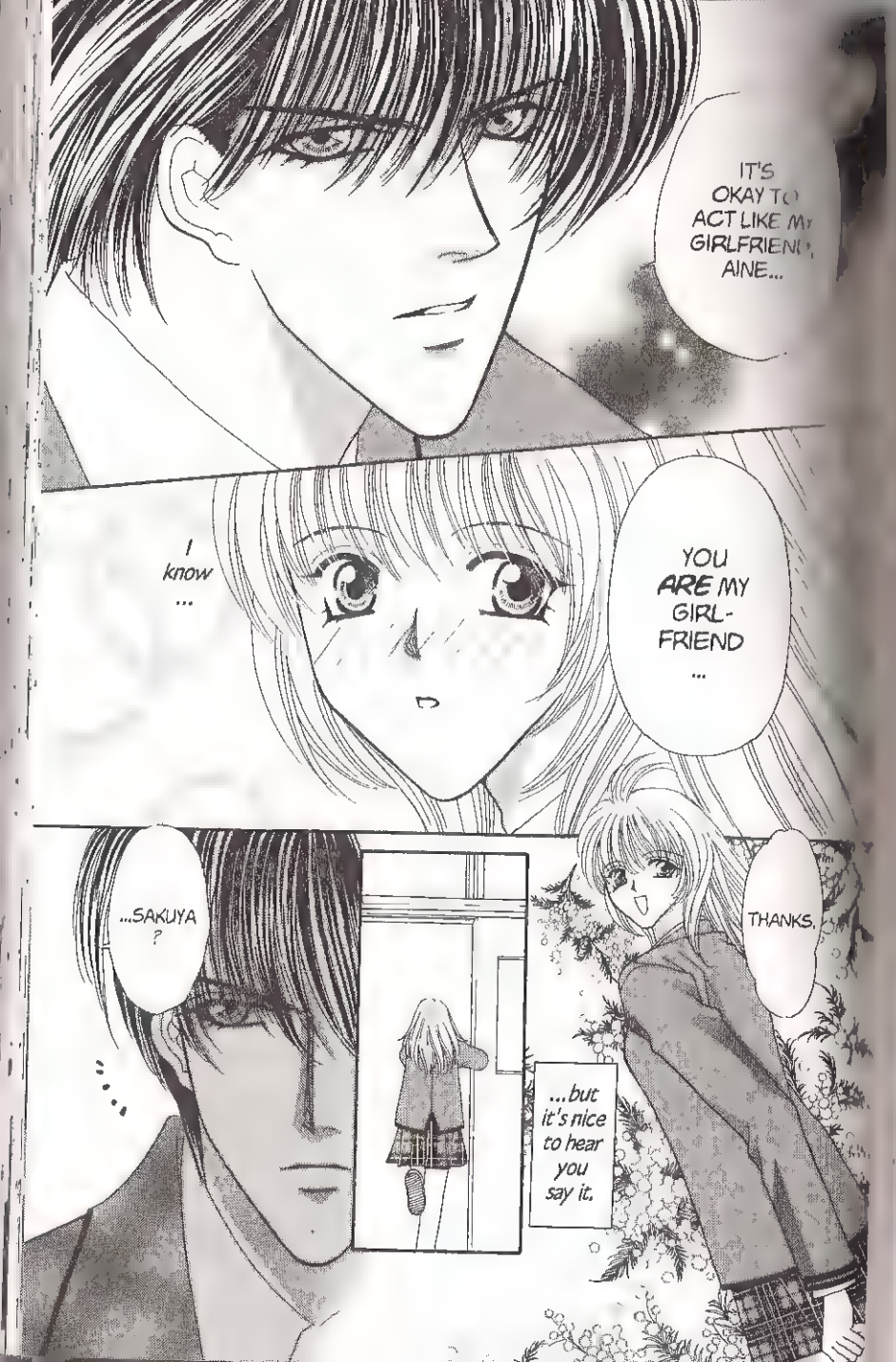
JUNIOR CLASS 5
...Mr. Toku-gawa doesn't stand a chance.
ROLL CALL, LISTEN UP...
AIKAWA... ARA!... ISHIHARA... ITO...
OOKOCHI... ABSENT, AS USUAL...
Sakuya was still sleeping when I...
HERE ...
He's cute, but ...
He's no Sakuya.
NOBODY can step to Sakuya for sex appeal...

ONE MORE THING TO TEACH YOU, I GUESS...
I'M FINISHED, SAK–
Such a sexy tutor... I'm nervous ...
SCRATCH
BONK
TRY THIS NEXT ...
MATH II
O-OKAY ...

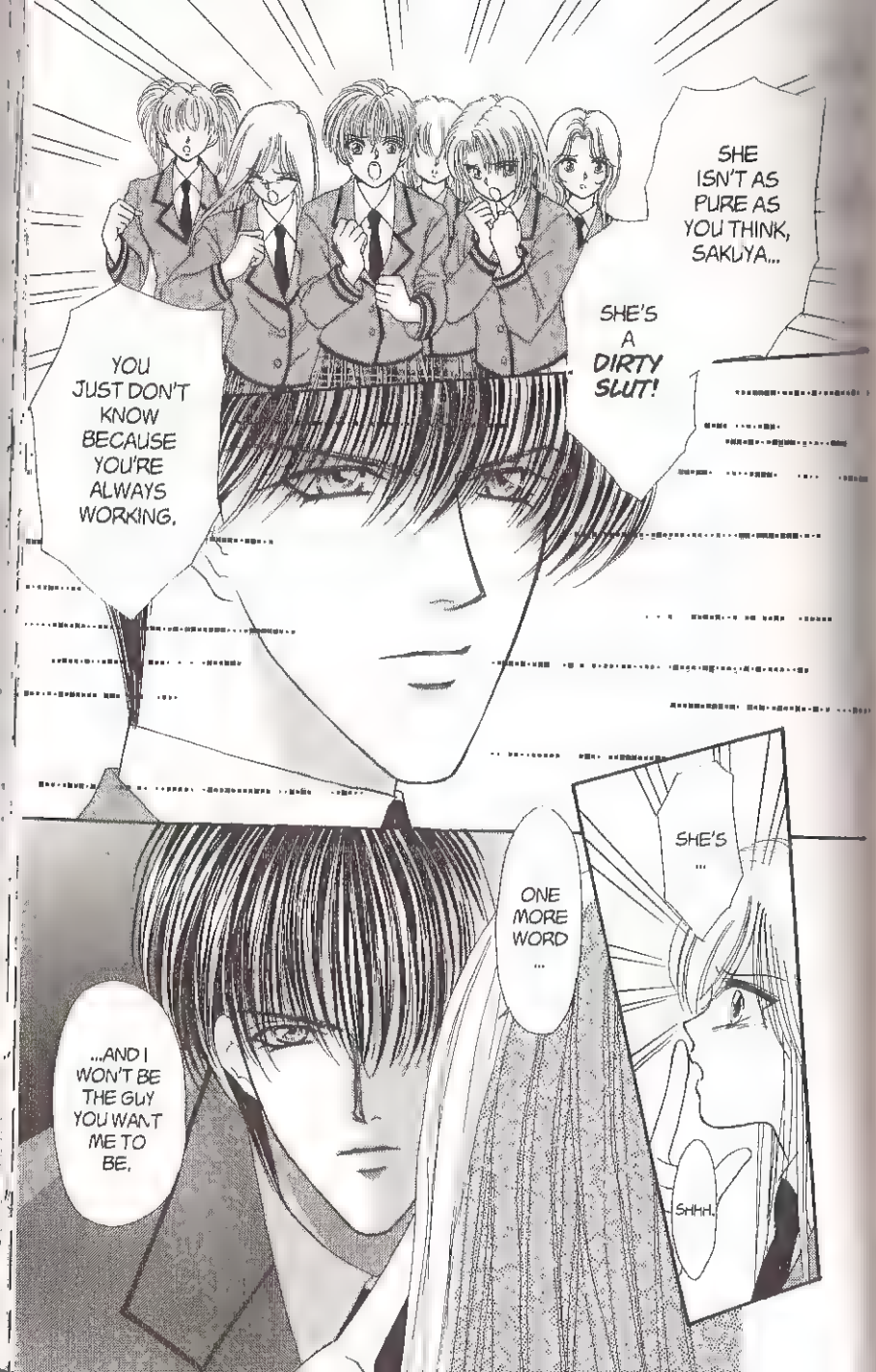
IT BEATS FAILING AND BEING A GRADE APART FROM YOU.
Sakuya ...
BUT...
UM...
WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON?
I totally win...
WOW, SAKUYA. YOU'RE SMART ...
YOU USED THE WRONG FORMULA. YOU WANT THIS ONE.
REALLY ?! YOU SURE?
HEY, THOSE... THOSE ARE WRONG ...

...when having him here is so much FUN?
How am I supposed to concentrate...
EEE!
(YAWN)
GEOGRAPHY
EEE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM DO THAT BEFORE.
EEE!
EEE!
HE YAWNED, HE YAWNED !
UM, DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU...?
HOW FAR ARE YOU GUYS IN GEOGRAPHY ...?
GEOGRAPHY


SAKU-YA...
Sleeping in class...
Just like an ordinary boy... Look at him in his uniform ...
STROKE STROKE
How can he look so peace-ful ... and make my heart beat so fast...?
So beautiful ...


IT'S OKAY TO ACT LIKE MY GIRLFRIEND, AINE...
I know ...
YOU ARE MY GIRL-FRIEND ...
...SAKUYA ?
...
...but it's nice to hear you say it.
THANKS.

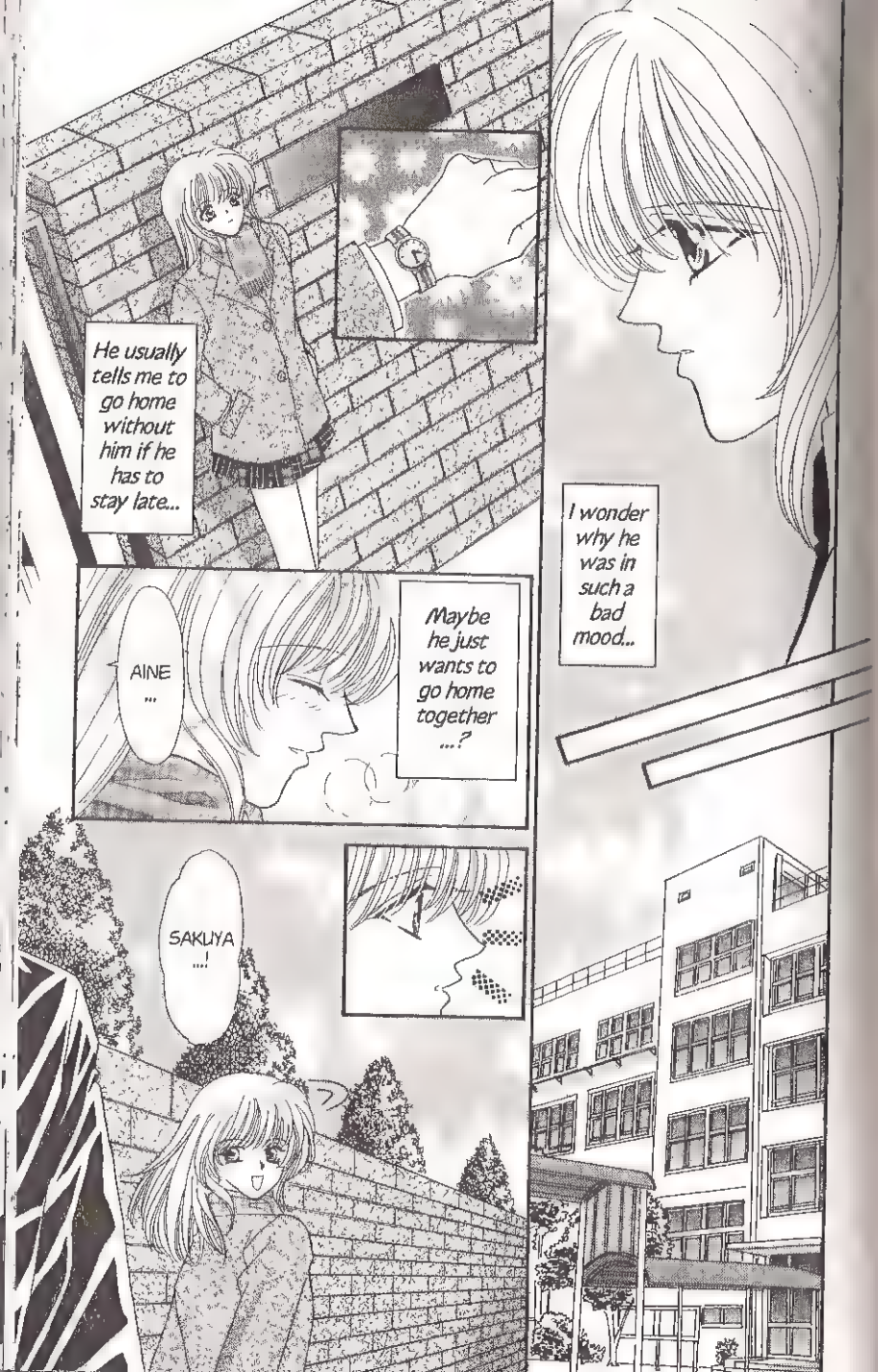
SHOOOSH
THAT, I MEAN ...
It's obvious they don't want me here...
SHE'S HOG-GING HIM!
WHY'S SHE ALWAYS WITH HIM?
Grr... I don't like it...
REALLY ?
I'M USED TO BEING WATCHED ...
DON'T HOLD BACK ...
I guess we can't expect to date like normal kids...
RISE
I GOTTA GO TO THE KIOSK...


SHE ISN'T AS PURE AS YOU THINK, SAKUYA...
SHE'S A DIRTY SLUT!
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS WORKING.
SHE'S ...
ONE MORE WORD ...
SHHH.
...AND I WON'T BE THE GUY YOU WANT ME TO BE.

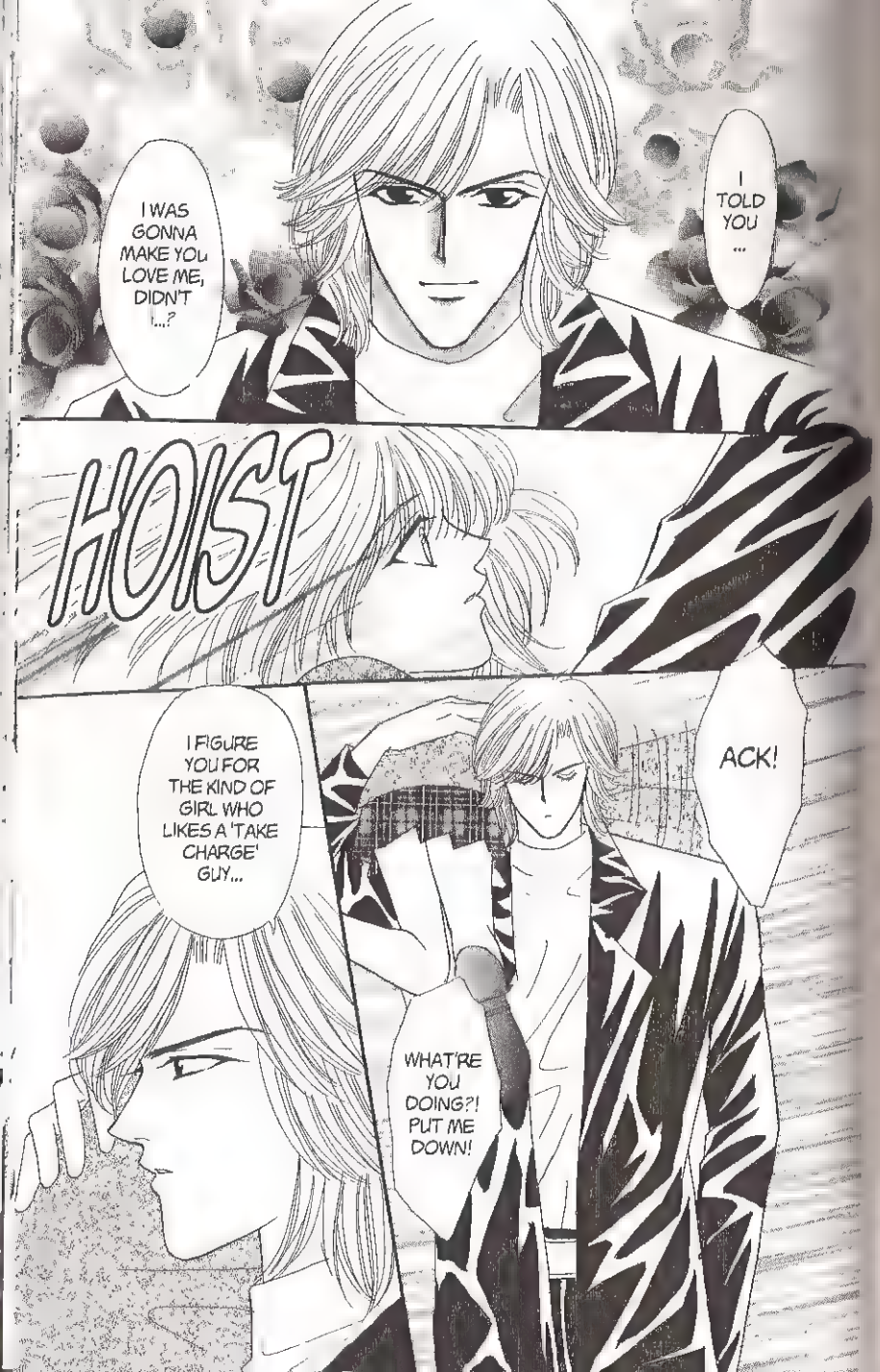
WHAT'D YOU WANT TO SAY?
WHAT ...?
CAN I TALK TO YOU ...?
WE SAW HER!!
WE SAW AINE KISSING ANOTHER GUY!!
...

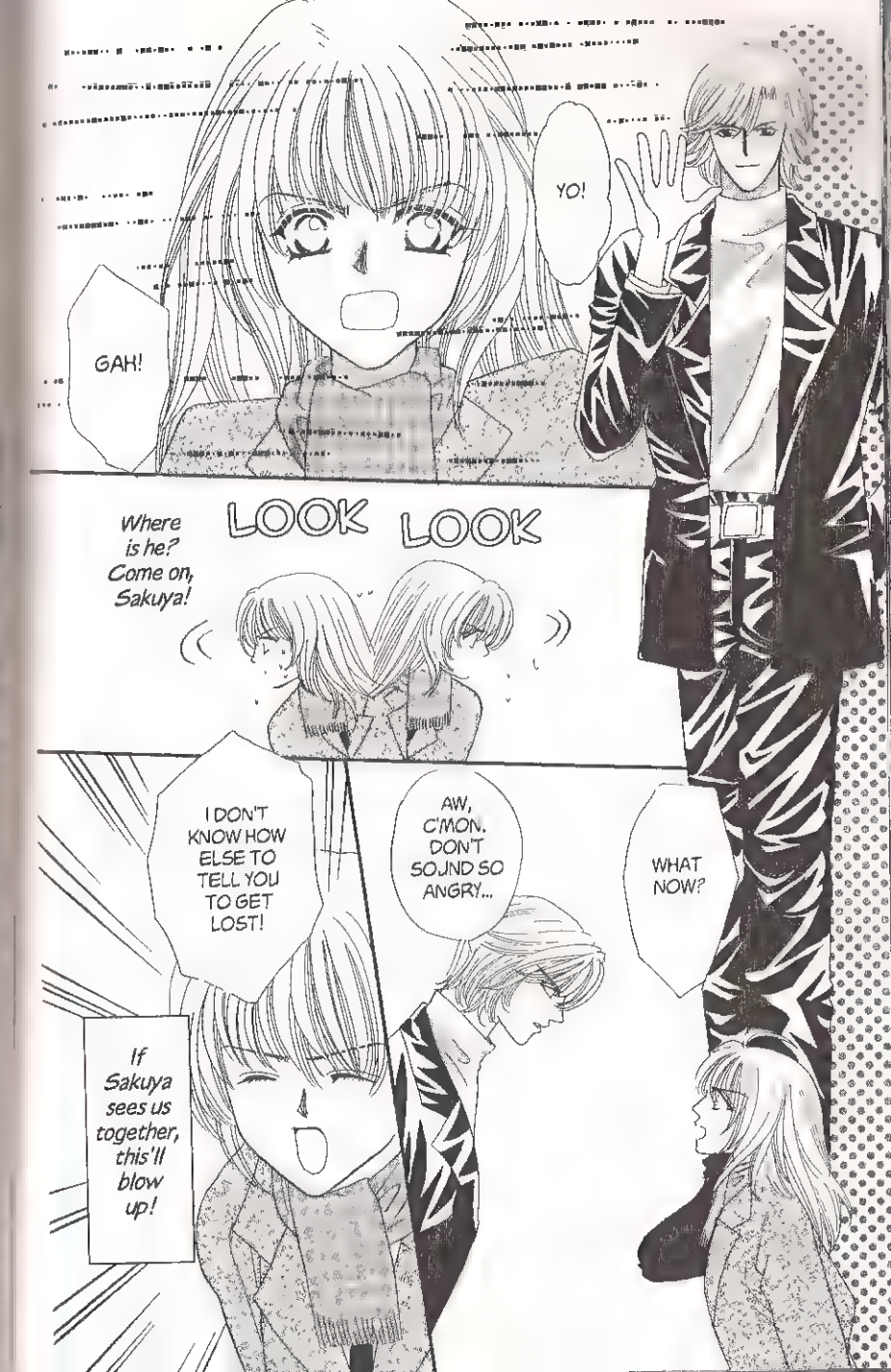
JUNIOR CLASS 5
OOHZ, WHERE'D YO.. GET THIS?
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
RUMBLE
SAKU-YA...
...WHERE WERE YOU?

CHILLS
SORRY ...
I'M SORRY ...
YOU JUST CALLED MY GIRLFRIEND A SLUT. STOP NOW, AND I'LL TRY TO TAKE THE HIGH ROAD...
...
KEEP GOING, AND I WON'T BE THE SAKUYA YOU FANTASIZE ABOUT. YOU SAY ONE MORE WORD, AND I'LL GET UGLY.


He usually tells me to go home without him if he has to stay late...
I wonder why he was in such a bad mood...
AINE ...
Maybe he just wants to go home together ...?
SAKUYA ...!

LOOK! ME AS A GHOST!
I WAS JUST LOOKING AT PICTURES FROM THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL ...
WE HAD A HAUNTED HOUSE.
...
SHOVE
I GOTTA STAY LATE AND TAKE A MAKE-UP QUIZ. WAIT FOR ME.
SAKUYA ...?

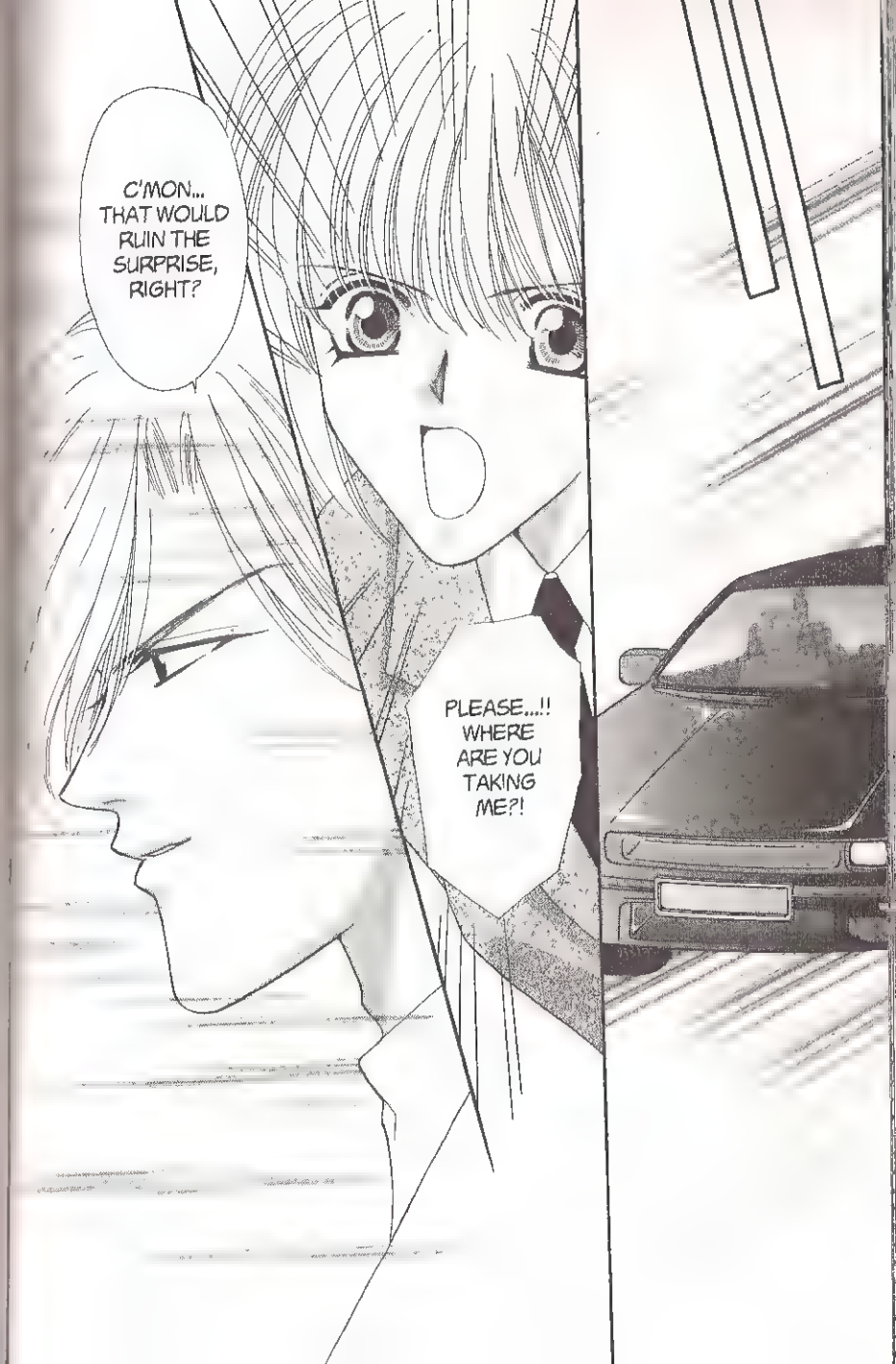

I WAS GONNA MAKE YOU LOVE ME, DIDN'T I...?
I TOLD YOU ...
HOIST
I FIGURE YOU FOR THE KIND OF GIRL WHO LIKES A 'TAKE CHARGE' GUY...
ACK!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! PUT ME DOWN!


GAH!
YO!
Where is he? Come on, Sakuya!
LOOK LOOK
I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO TELL YOU TO GET LOST!
AW, C'MON. DON'T SOJND SO ANGRY...
WHAT NOW?
If Sakuya sees us together, this'll blow up!

...Sakuya !!
Where are we?!

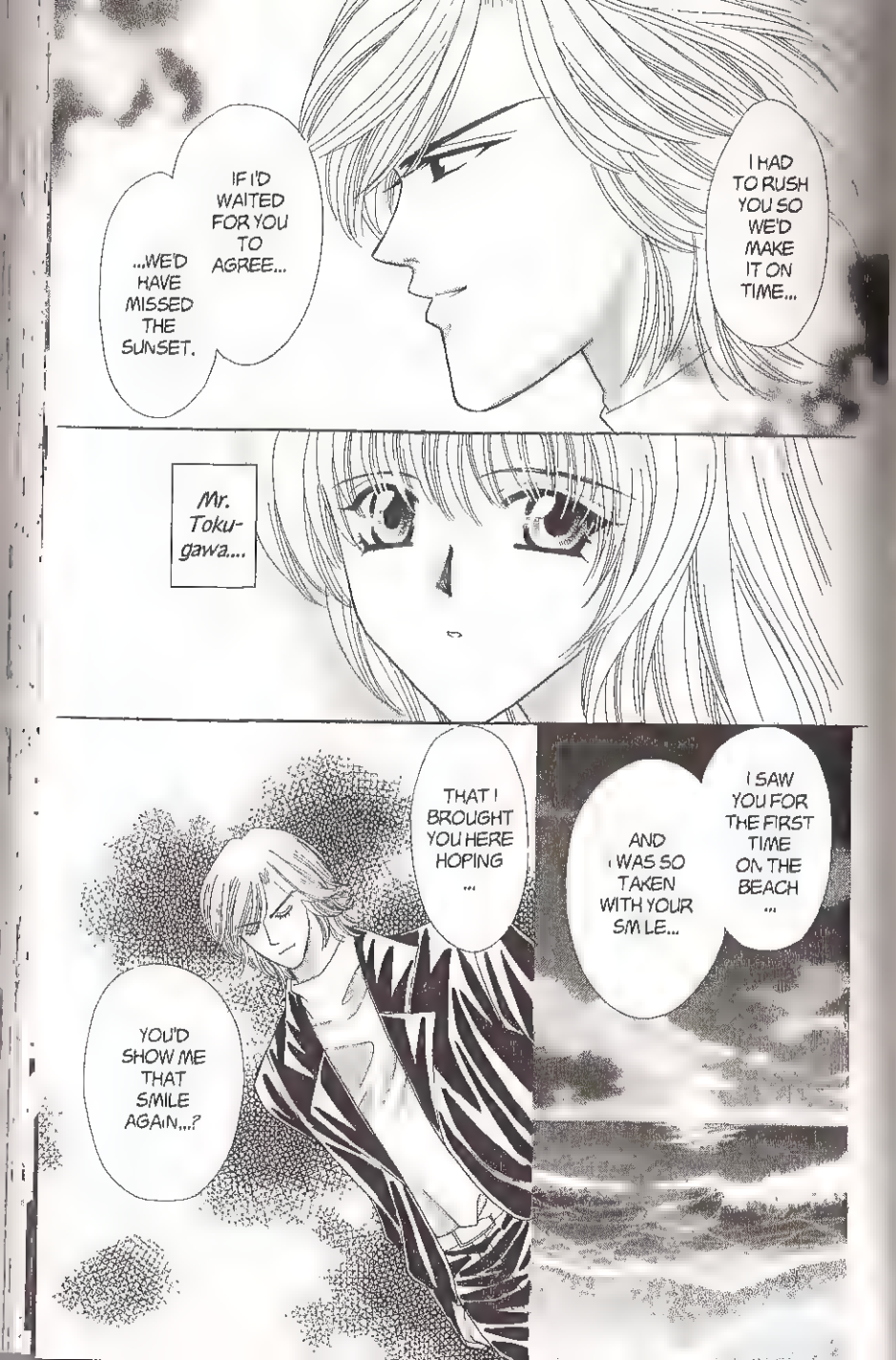
THW
UMP
...SO I'M TAKING CHARGE.
SLAM
HEY ...
What am I gonna do...?
KROOM
PLEASE, MISTER ...
...LET ME GO HOME !!

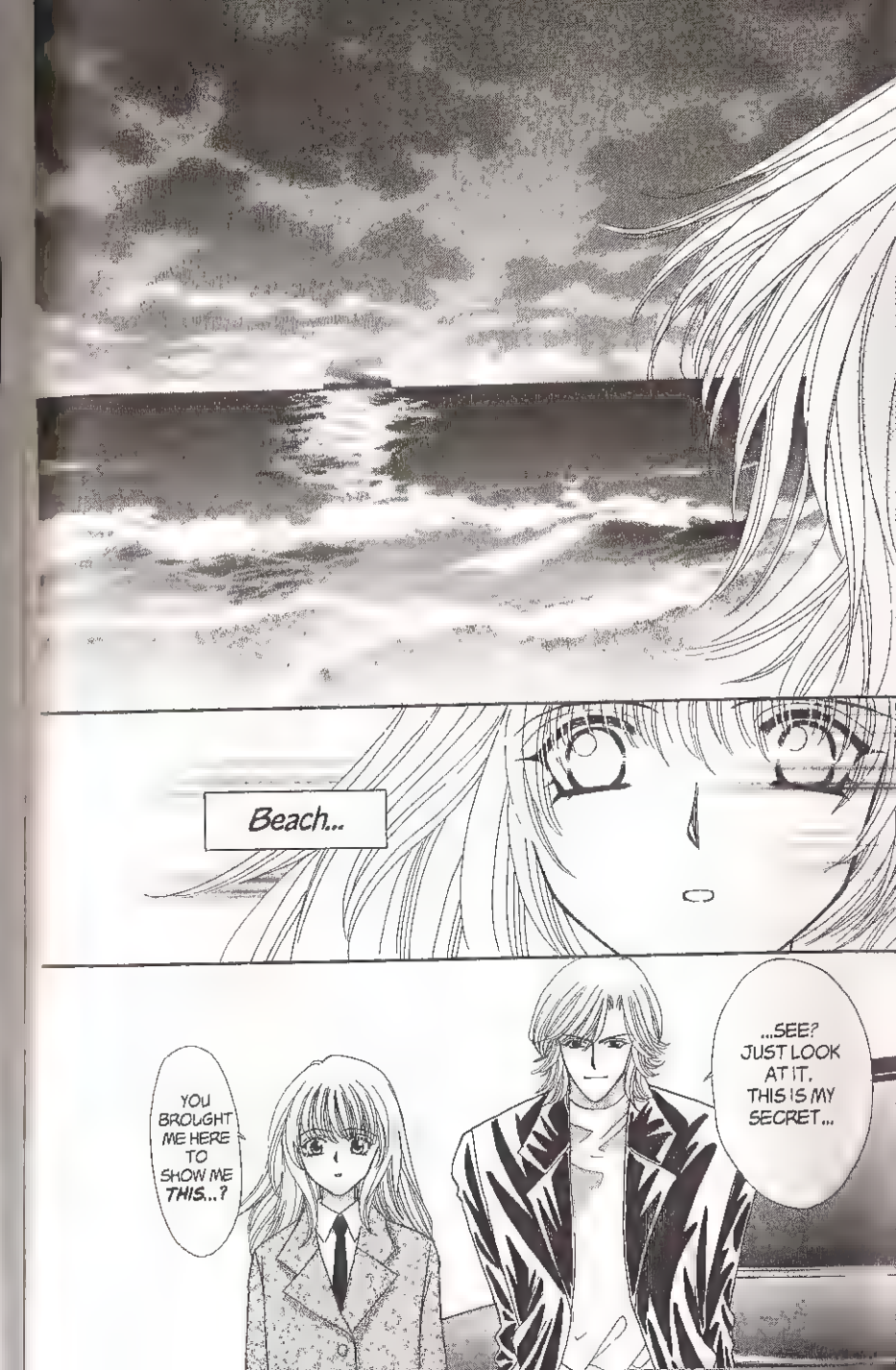
TUT TUT
SAY YOU LOVE ME, AND I'LL TELL YOU.
WELL, YOU'VE RUINED EVERY-THING ELSE!!
What am I gonna do? Sakuya's gonna get out soon...
WHAT ...?
...He told me to wait!!

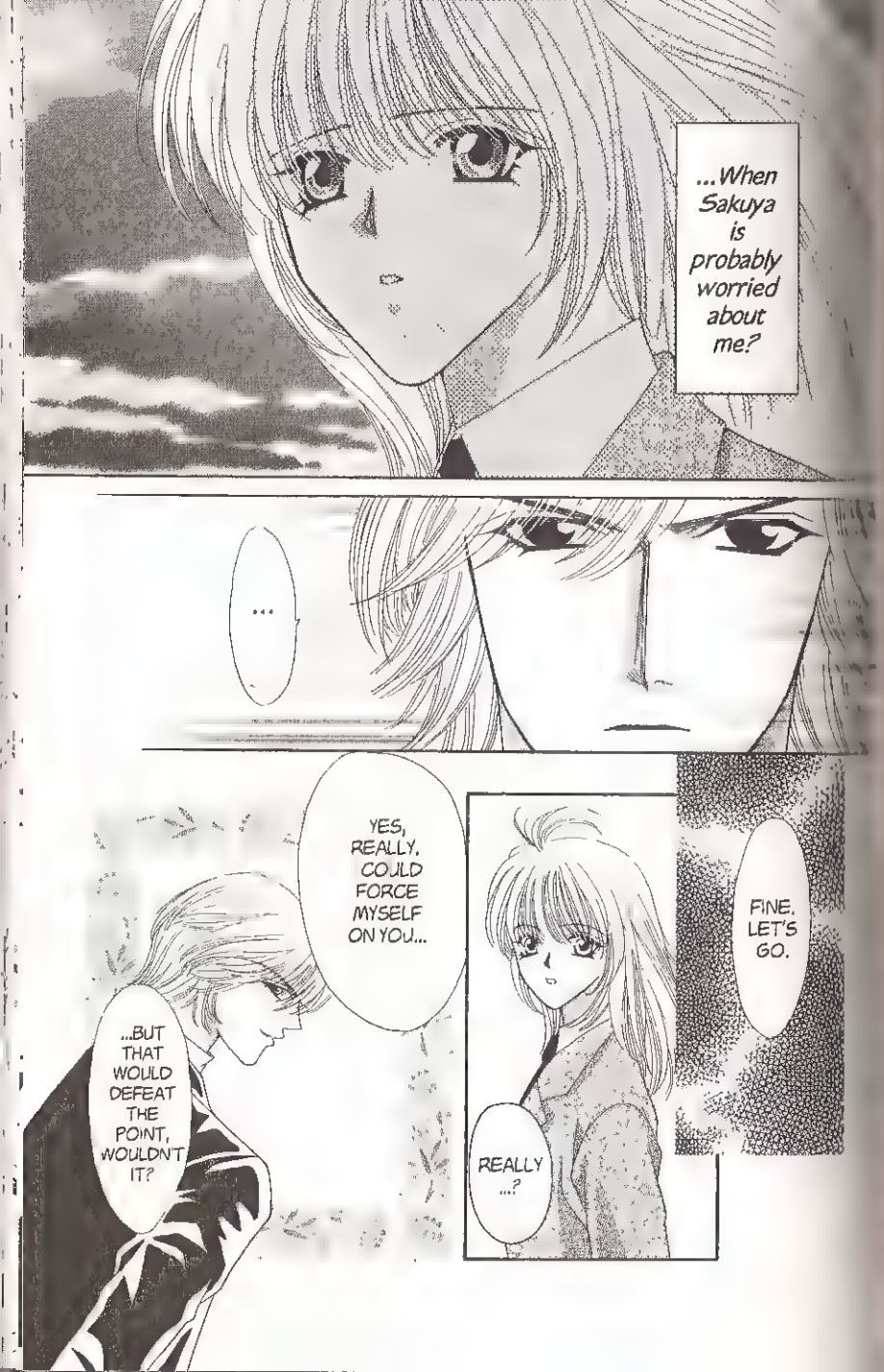

C'MON... THAT WOULD RUIN THE SURPRISE, RIGHT?
PLEASE...!! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!

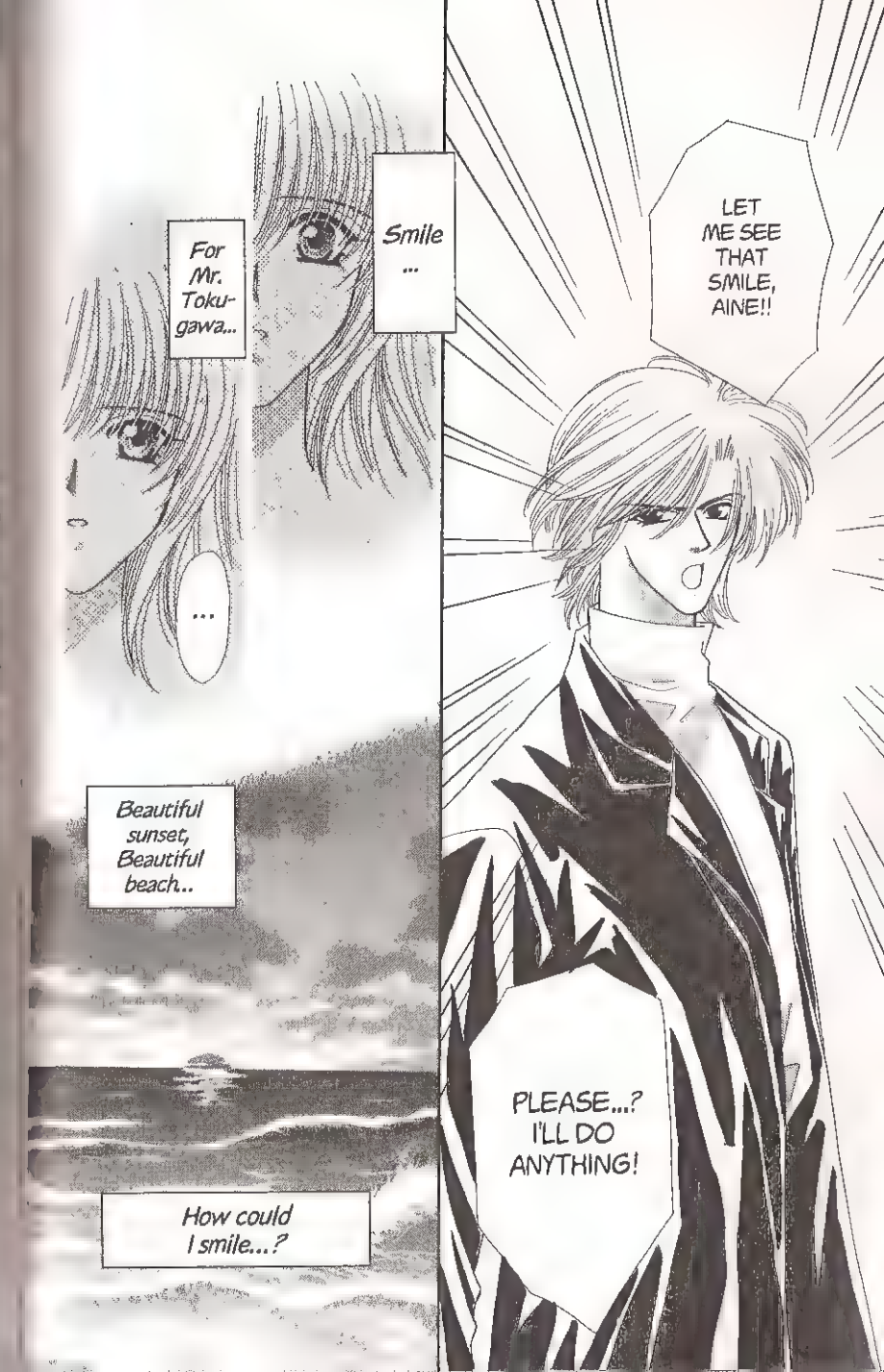
WHERE ARE WE? WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?!
WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME!
YANK
JUST SHUT UP AND GET OUT!!
NO!! WHAT'RE YOU...
WHY WOULD SHE LEAVE HER SCARF ...?
NO!! LET ME GO!!
I WANT TO GO HOME !!

U-UM ...
C-COULD YOU GIVE THIS TO AINE?
I THINK SHE DROPPED IT.
HER SCARF ?
AT THE GATE, IT'S THE SAME AS AINE WAS WEARING SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HERS.
WHERE'D YOU FIND THIS?
AINE?
DID SHE LEAVE WITHOUT ME?

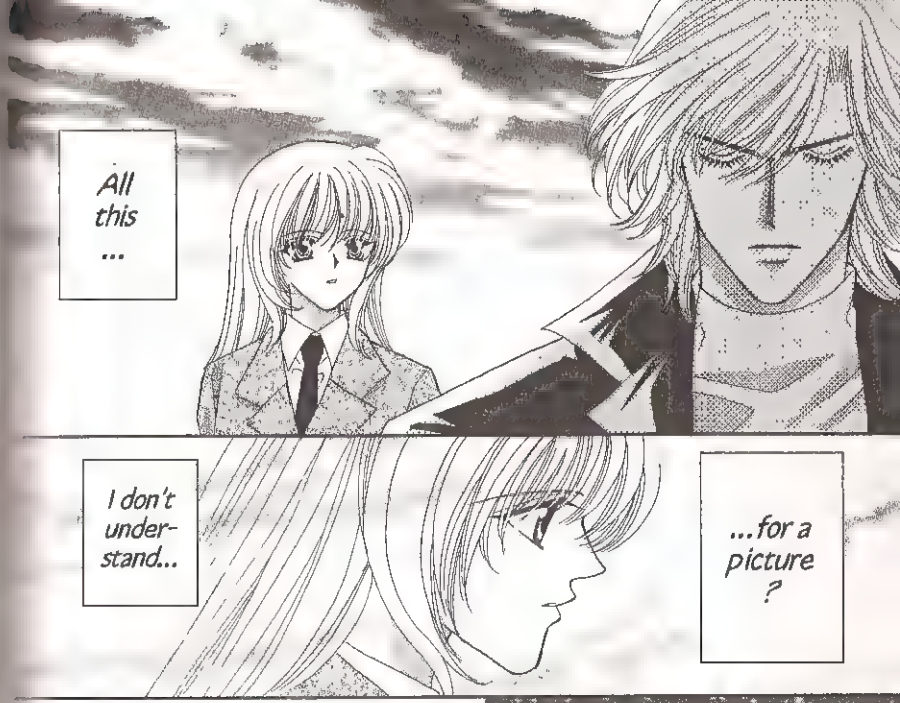

I HAD TO RUSH YOU SO WE'D MAKE IT ON TIME...
IF I'D WAITED FOR YOU TO AGREE...
...WE'D HAVE MISSED THE SUNSET.
Mr. Toku-gawa....
I SAW YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE BEACH ...
AND I WAS SO TAKEN WITH YOUR SMILE...
THAT I BROUGHT YOU HERE HOPING ...
YOU'D SHOW ME THAT SMILE AGAIN...?


Beach...
YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO SHOW ME THIS..?
...SEE? JUST LOOK AT IT. THIS IS MY SECRET...

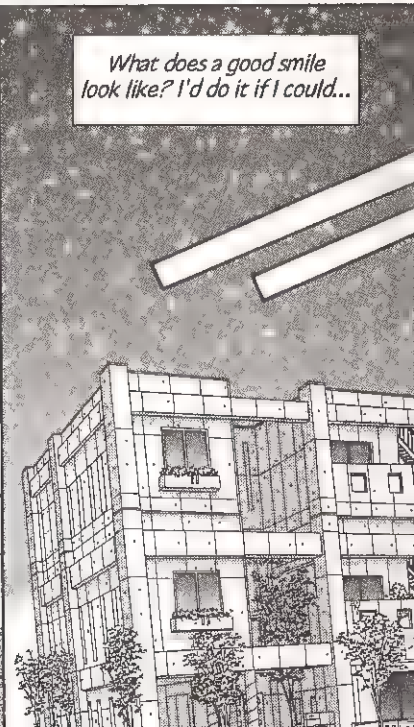

...When Sakuya is probably worried about me?
...
YES, REALLY. COULD FORCE MYSELF ON YOU...
...BUT THAT WOULD DEFEAT THE POINT, WOULDN'T IT?
REALLY ...?
FINE. LET'S GO.


Smile ...
For Mr. Toku-gawa...
...
Beautiful sunset, Beautiful beach..
How could I smile...?
LET ME SEE THAT SMILE, AINE!!
PLEASE...? I'LL DO ANYTHING!

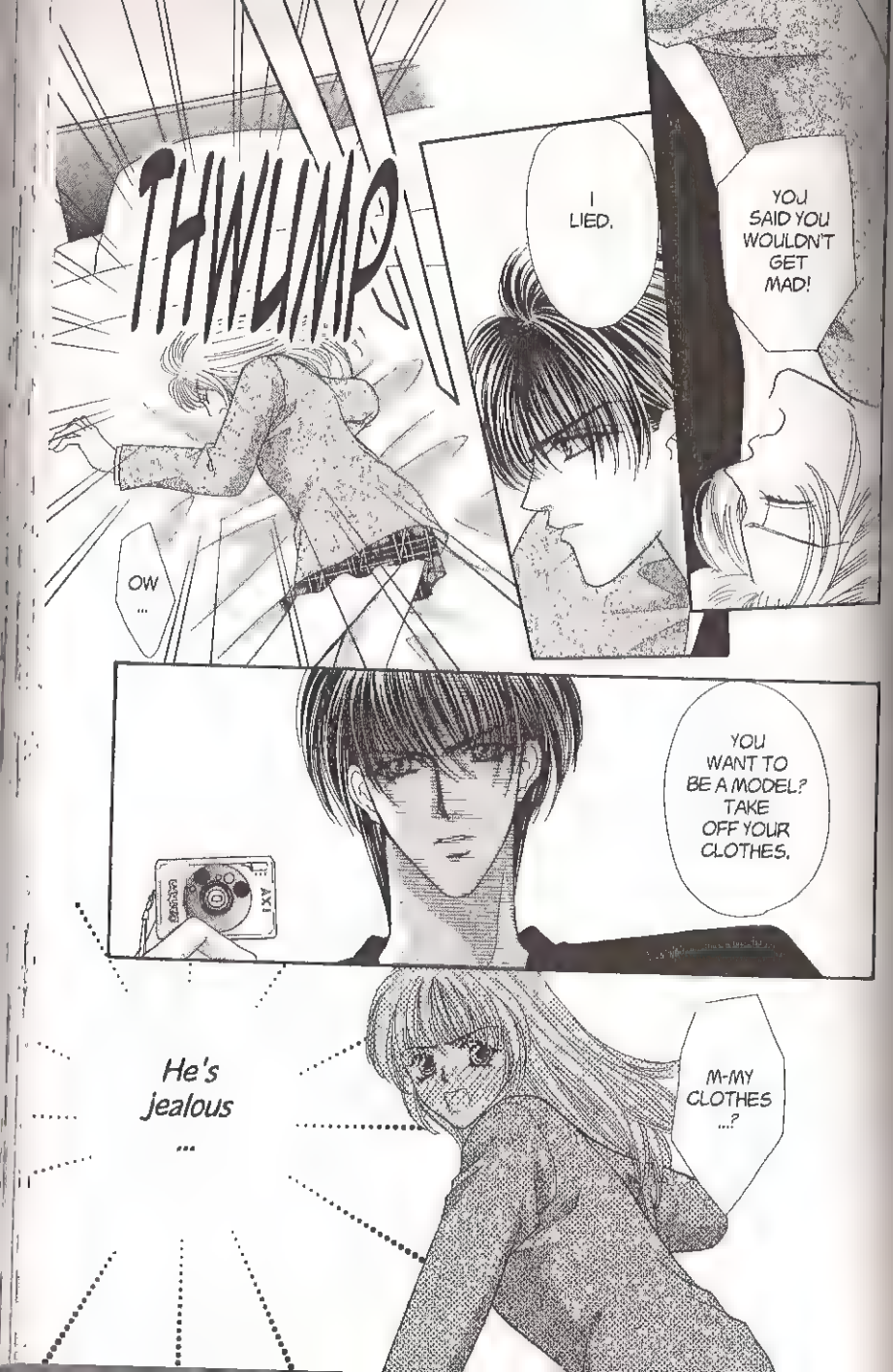
CHK
AM I BEING STUPID ...?
CLATCH
I'M HOME !
AINE, WHERE WERE YOU?
A FRIEND ASKED TO GO SHOPPING WITH HER...
SHE WAS SO PUSHY, I COULDN'T SAY NO...
...
I can't mention Mr. Tokugawa.
OH...I'M SORRY—


All this ...
I don't understand...
...for a picture ?

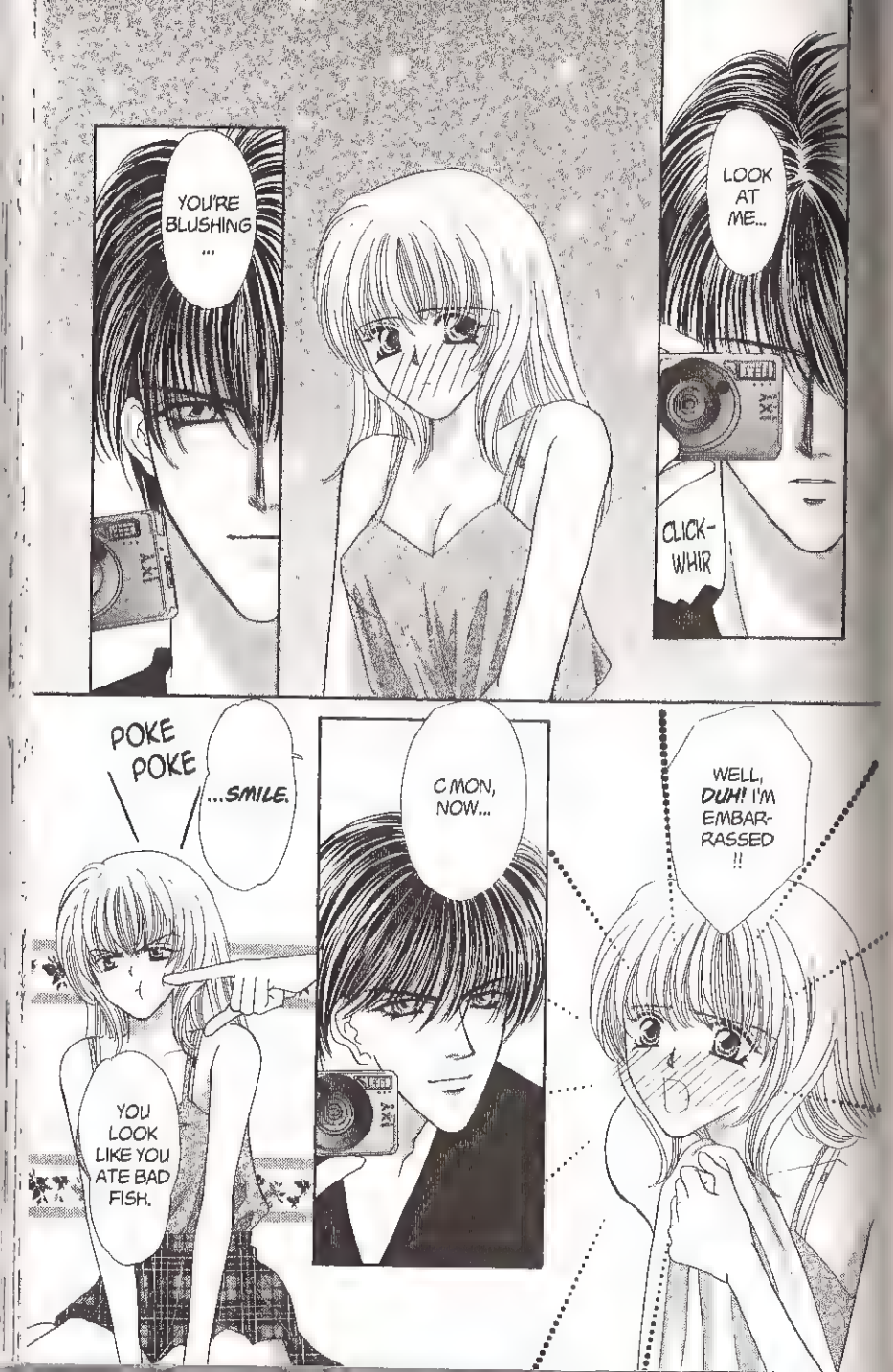
AHEM
UH... IS THIS MISS KAORI? I'M AINE YUKIMURA'S FATHER, IS SHE THERE...?
I SEE, THANK YOU.

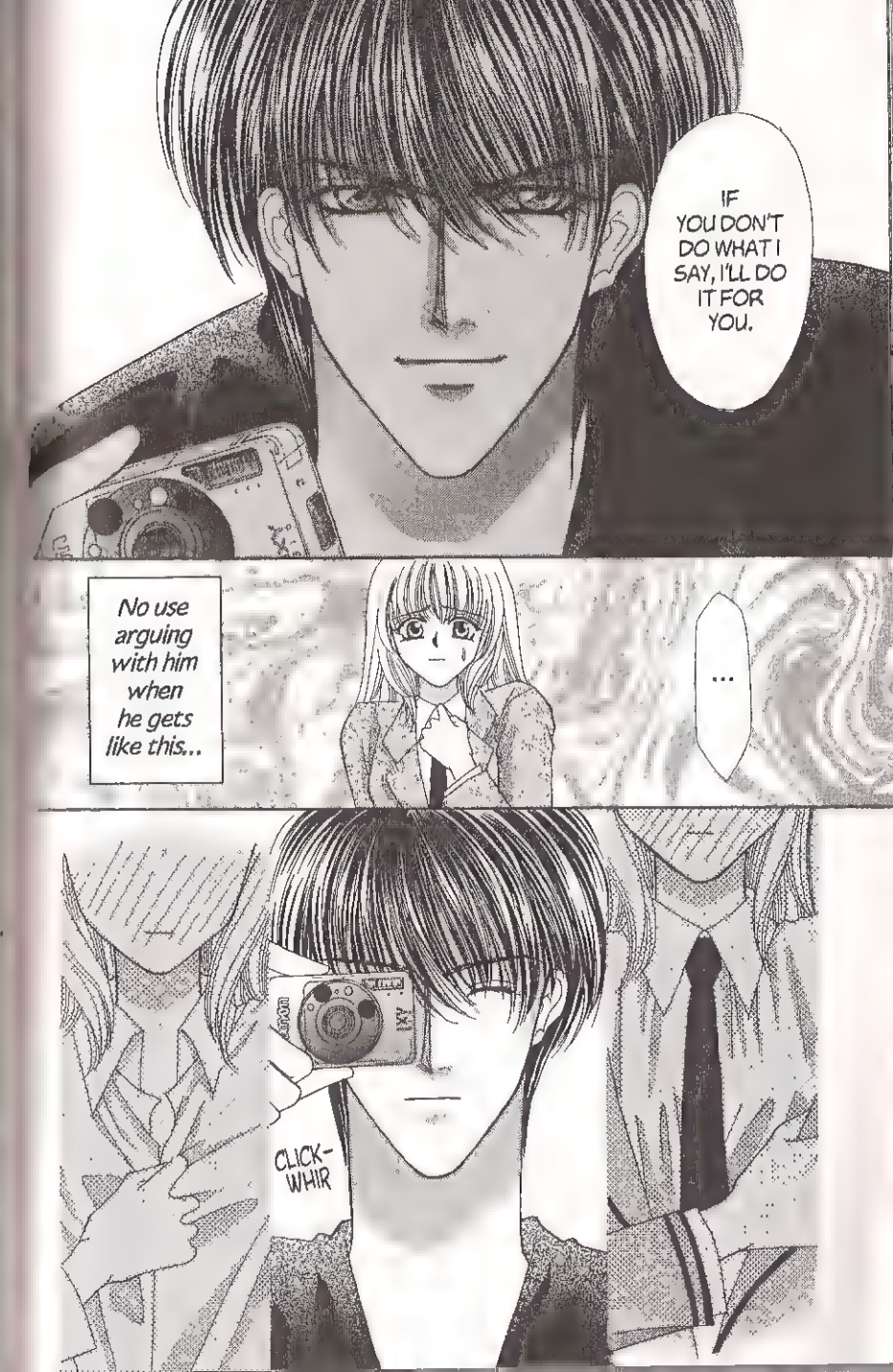

What does a good smile look like? I'd do it if I could...

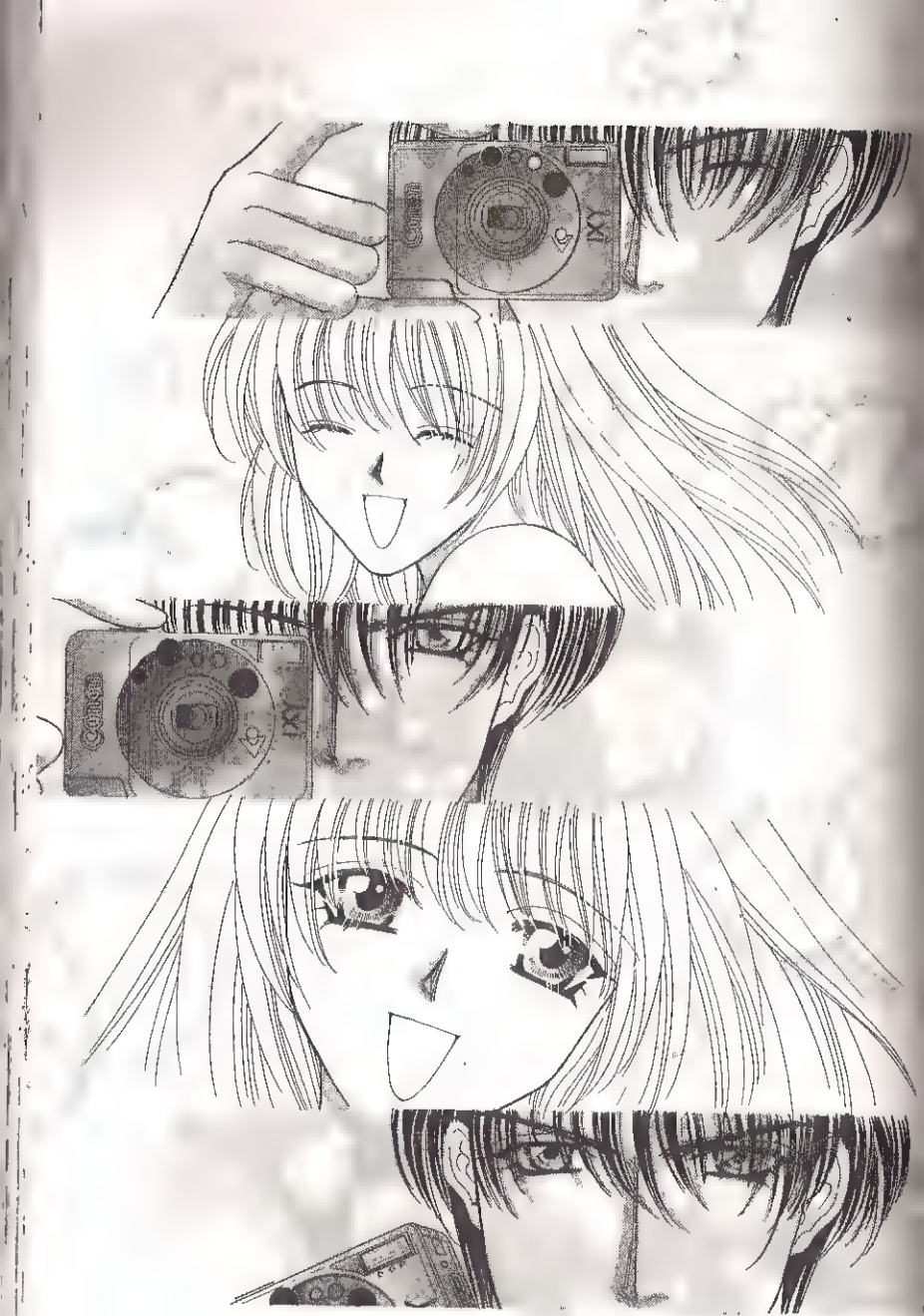
YOUR HAIR SMELLS LIKE THE OCEAN, AINE...
WHAT DID YOU BUY AT THE BEACH?!
WHOOSH
BOY, AM I BEAT ...
I'M GOING TO GET MAD IF YOU KEEP LYING TO ME!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET MAD...
NO ...
ARE YOU GONNA GET MAD?
JOLT
WHAT KIND OF SHOPPING DID YOU DO... AT THE BEACH?


THWUMP
I LIED.
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T GET MAD!
OW ...
YOU WANT TO BE A MODEL? TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES.
M-MY CLOTHES ...?
He's jealous ...

HE SAID HE WANTED TO SEE ME SMILE, SO HE TOOK ME TO THE BEACH. THAT WAS IT, NOTHING HAPPENED.
HE CAME BY THE SCHOOL AND GRABBED ME...
...I WAS WITH MR. TOKUGAWA.
HOIST
OKAY, I'M MAD ...
WHAT ?!


YOU'RE BLUSHING ...
LOOK AT ME...
CLICK-WHIR
POKE POKE
...SMILE.
C'MON, NOW...
WELL, DUH! I'M EMBAR-RASSED !!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU ATE BAD FISH.


IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT I SAY, I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
No use arguing with him when he gets like this...
...
CLICK-WHIR



YOU'RE TICKLING ME...!
WAIT! DON'T TAKE IT YET!!
SAKUYA -!!

TICKLE TICKLE
STOP THAT!

So I hear there are actually fanzines on Sensual Phrase these days! I got an interview request from some pervy men's magazine, and they mentioned Sensual Phrase fanzines centered around Aine!! I was really surprised. I knew I'd picked up a few male readers recently, but that many...?

I was told there were fanzines on Lucifer, too—does anybody know for sure? Write and tell me, okay?

I really want to see what Sensual Phrase fanzines are like. I want to read one! If you've made one, I don't care what's written in it—just, please, please send me a copy!

Many of you mention your favorite lines and your favorite scenes in your letters and—surprisingly—everybody's favorite scene seems to be Sakuya's post-accident press conference. The favorite lines aren't as consistent. It's fascinating and all your feedback really makes me feel like my hard work was worthwhile. I'm hoping for more comment's and opinions, so keep sending them in.

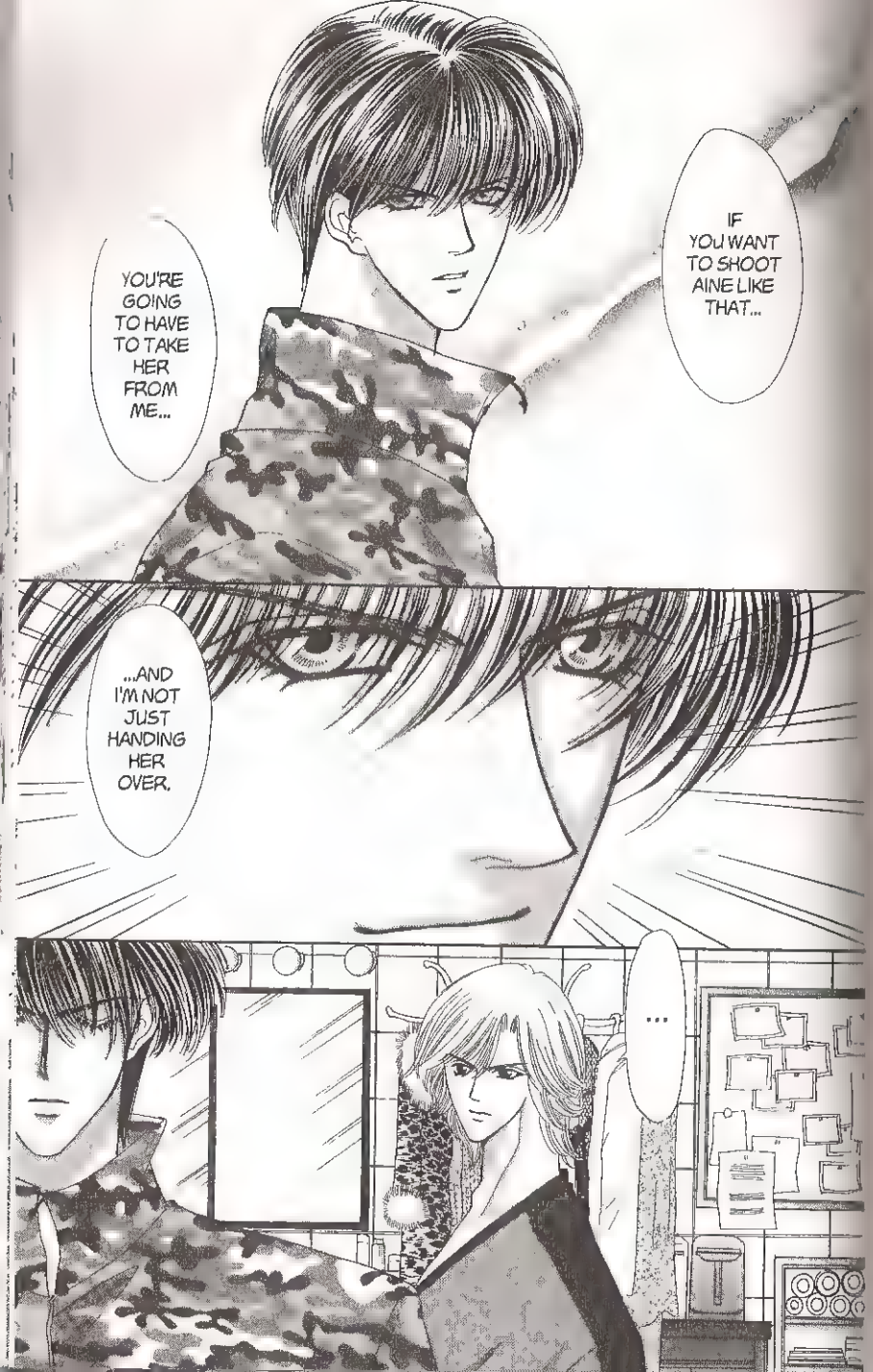
I'm sure some of you know this already, but I wrote a story all about Towa in a special issue. I guess the number of Towa fans is growing, so I said why not! I said I wouldn't write one but I'm weak against your pleas.

I WANT TO CAPTURE EVERY INCH...
If Sakuya was a photographer, I would be a SUPERMODEL...

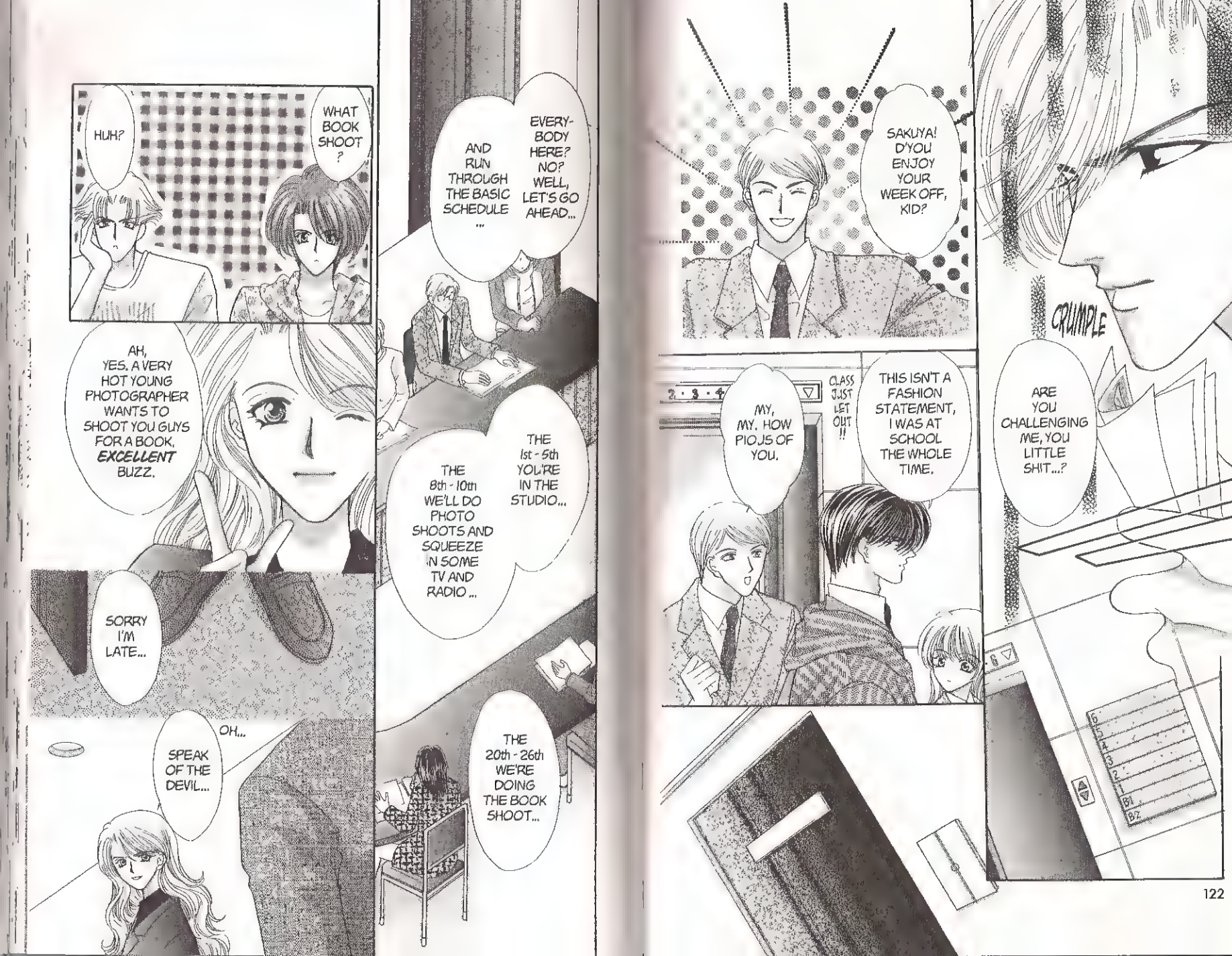
I'M TAKING PICTURES ...
BUT NOW MY EYES ARE MY CAMERA...
MEMORIZING ALL THE SIDES OF YOU THAT NO ONE ELSE GETS TO SEE...
STROKE

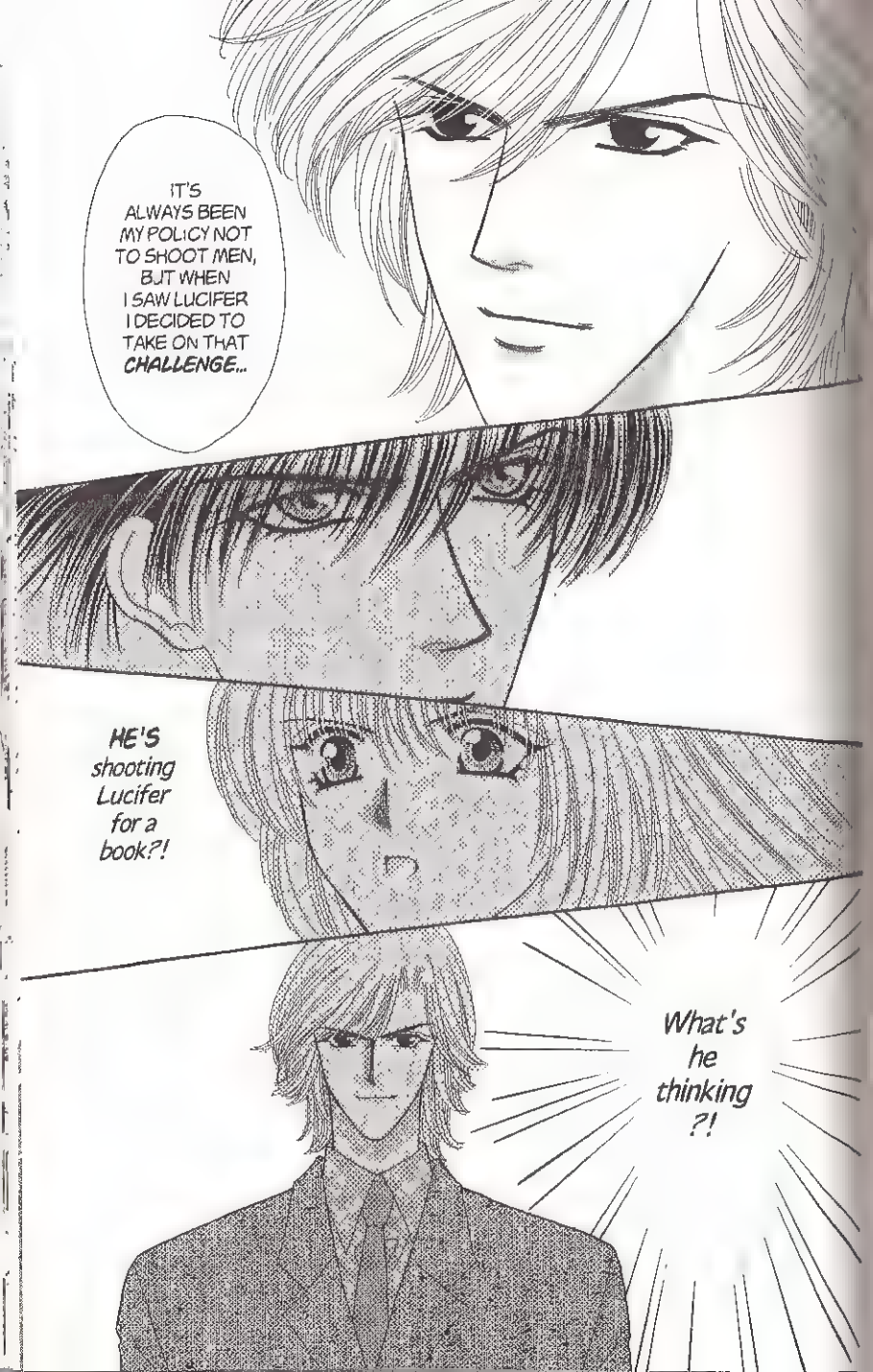
TOSS
...AINE'S SMILE.
H-HOW...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CAMERAS...
I'M STRICTLY POINT AND SHOOT.
THE SECRET OF MY TECHNIQUE...?
...

HEY. I BROUGHT YOU SOME-THING.
SAKU-YA...
NO. I BROUGHT YOU WHAT YOU WANTED...
WHAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO SCARE ME...?
MR. TOKU-GAWA...? THAT MAN...

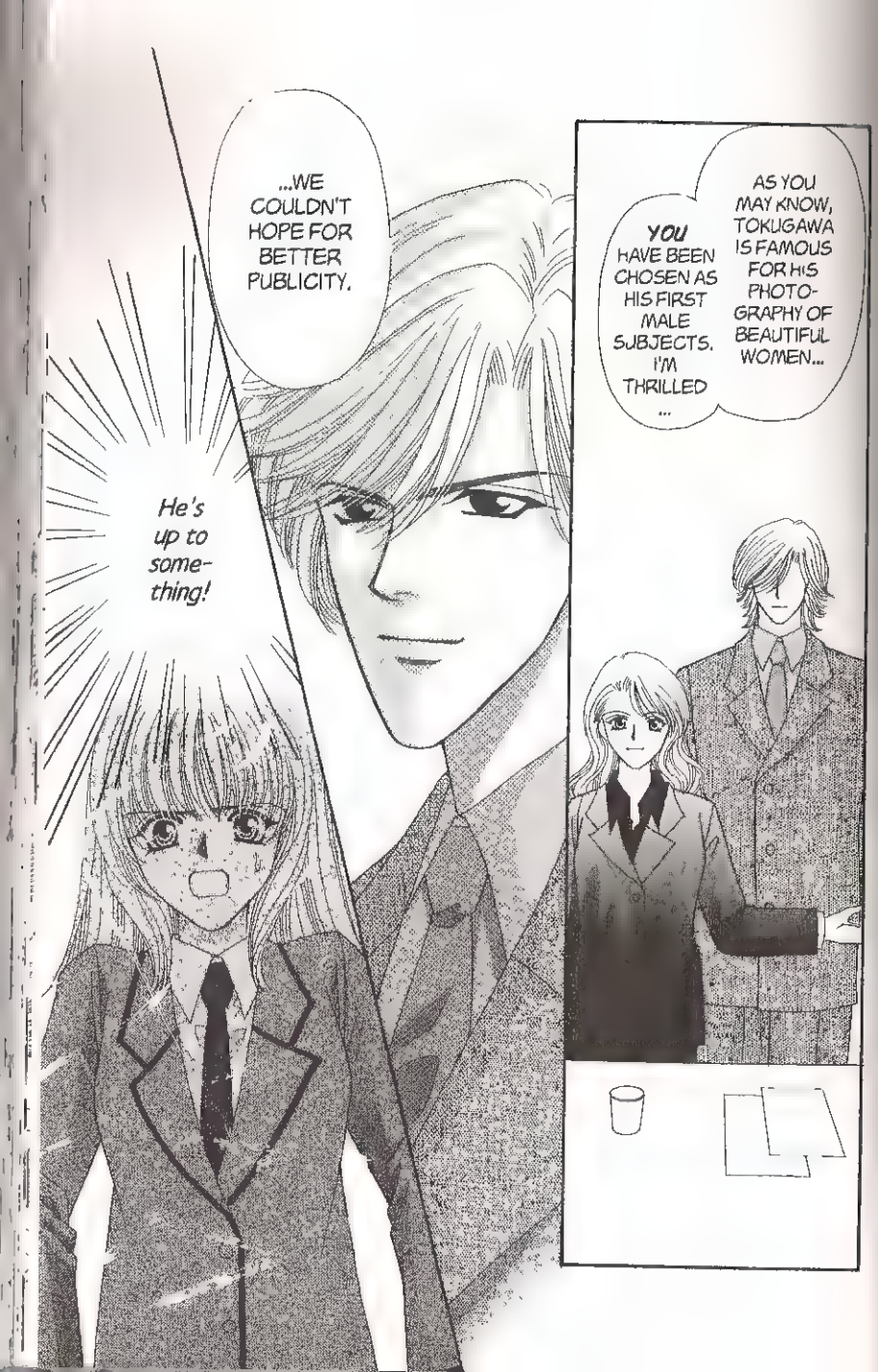

IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT AINE LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE HER FROM ME...
...AND I'M NOT JUST HANDING HER OVER.
...

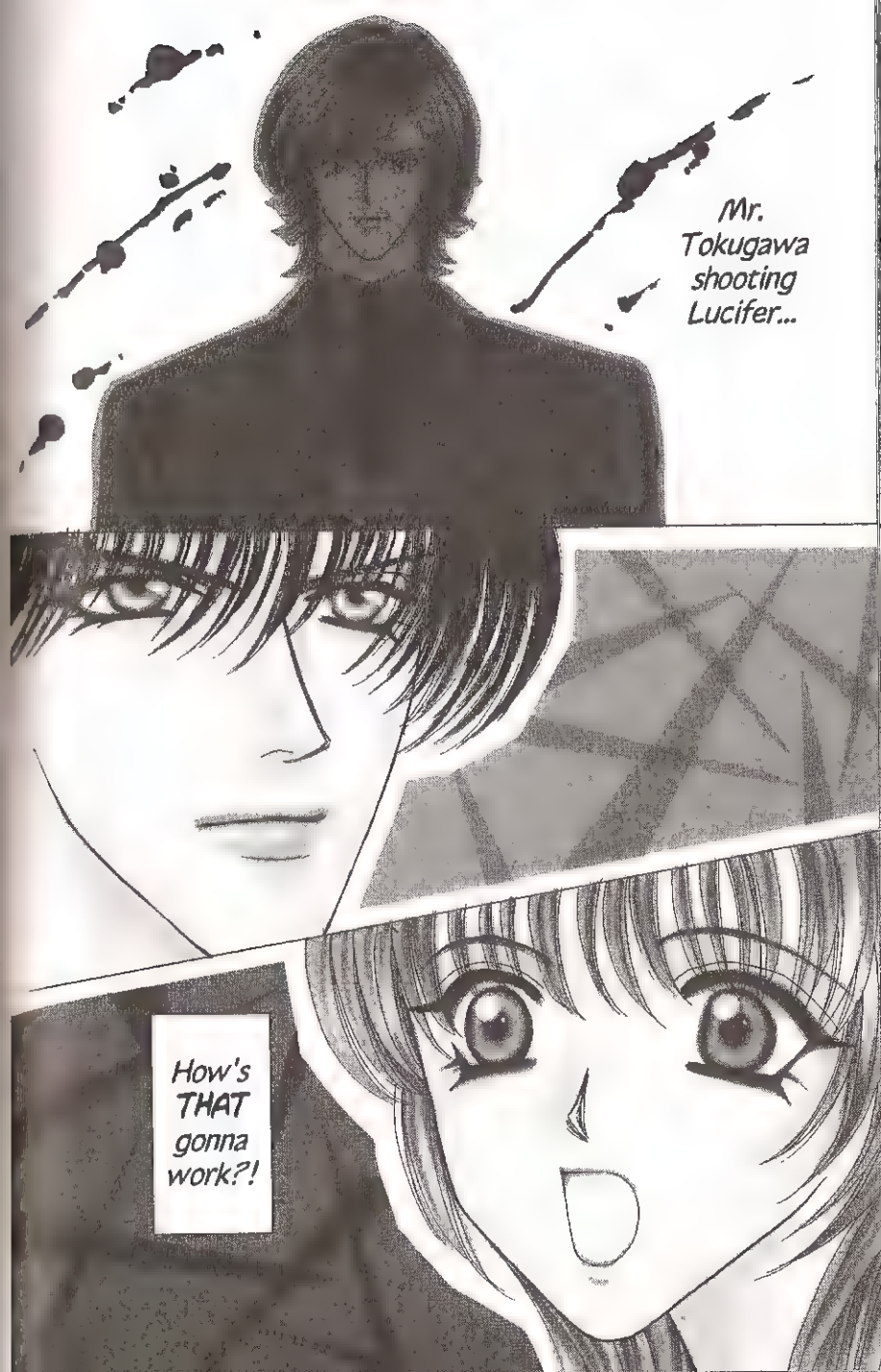
SHE LOVES ME...
AND THAT MEANS THERE ARE SIDES OF HER THAT ARE RESERVED FOR ONLY ME.
...AND I LOVE HER.

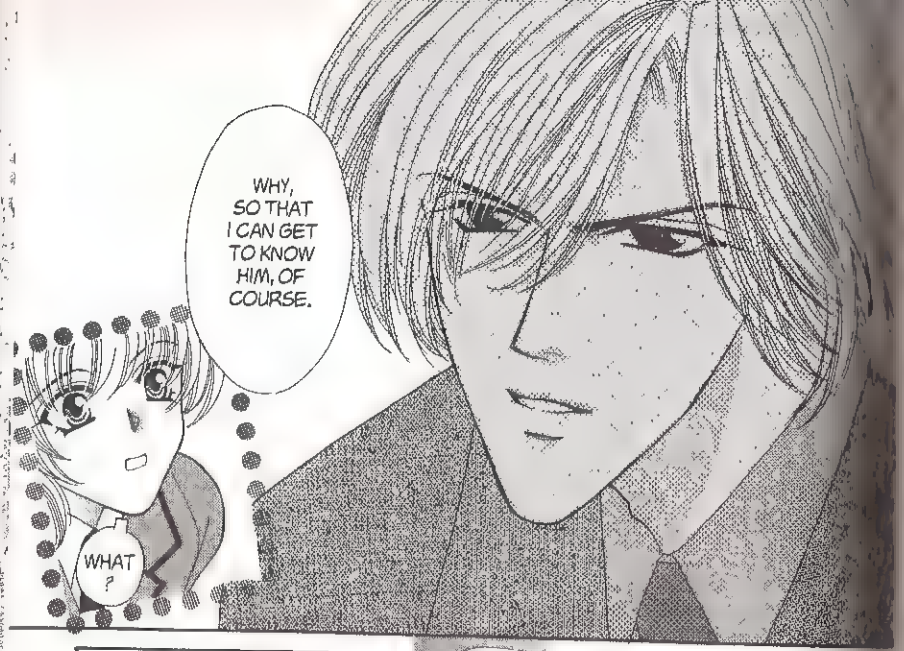

HUH?
WHAT BOOK SHOOT?
AH, YES. A VERY HOT YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER WANTS TO SHOOT YOU GUYS FOR A BOOK. EXCELLENT BUZZ.
SORRY I'M LATE...
OH...
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
EVERY-BODY HERE? NO? WELL, LET'S GO AHEAD...
AND RUN THROUGH THE BASIC SCHEDULE ...
THE 1st - 5th YOU'RE IN THE STUDIO...
THE 8th - 10th WE'LL DO PHOTO SHOOTS AND SQUEEZE IN SOME TV AND RADIO ...
THE 20th - 26th WE'RE DOING THE BOOK SHOOT...
SAKUYA! D'YOU ENJOY YOUR WEEK OFF, KID?
CLASS JUST LET OUT !!
MY, MY. HOW PIOJS OF YOU.
THIS ISN'T A FASHION STATEMENT, I WAS AT SCHOOL THE WHOLE TIME.
CRUMPLE
ARE YOU CHALLENGING ME, YOU LITTLE SHIT...?

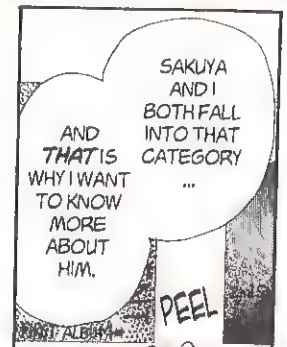

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY POLICY NOT TO SHOOT MEN, BUT WHEN I SAW LUCIFER I DECIDED TO TAKE ON THAT CHALLENGE...
HE'S shooting Lucifer for a book?!
What's he thinking?!

What?
GENTLEMEN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MR. KYO TOKUGAWA...
HI THERE, NICE TO MEET YOU ALL.


AS YOU MAY KNOW, TOKUGAWA IS FAMOUS FOR HIS PHOTO-GRAPHY OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN...
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS HIS FIRST MALE SUBJECTS. I'M THRILLED ...
...WE COULDN'T HOPE FOR BETTER PUBLICITY.
He's up to some-thing!

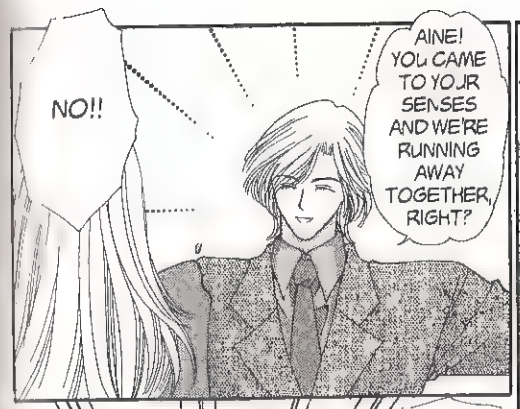

Mr. Tokugawa shooting Lucifer...
How's THAT gonna work?!


WHY, SO THAT I CAN GET TO KNOW HIM, OF COURSE.
WHAT ?

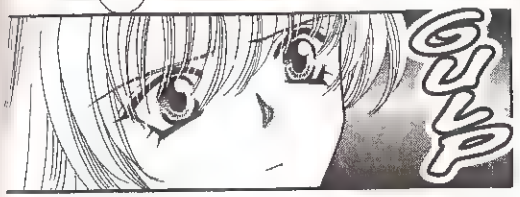

SAKUYA AND I BOTH FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY ...
AND THAT IS WHY I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM.
PEEL
LUCIFER

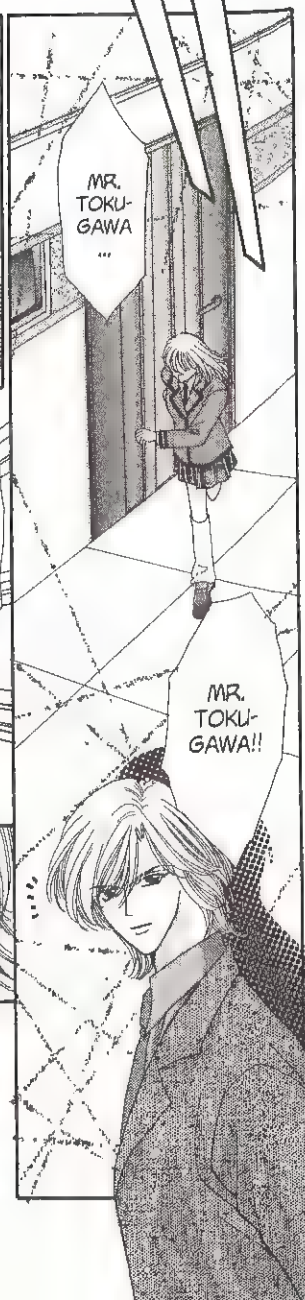
YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO FORCEFUL MEN. LUSTY, POSSESSIVE, COCKY AND SELFISH MEN...
AM I WRONG ?
ULP

I HAVE A TALENT ...
FOR IDENTIFYING WHAT TYPE OF MEN CERTAIN WOMEN WANT.


NO!!
AINE! YOU CAME TO YOUR SENSES AND WE'RE RUNNING AWAY TOGETHER, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SHOOT LUCIFER?
WHY ...?


GULP


MR. TOKUGAWA ...
MR. TOKUGAWA!!

The only person left is... yes, Santa!! Right now, I don't plan on doing one for him—he doesn't even have a girlfriend...! But I can tell from your letters that his fan base is growing, so we'll see...

When I wrote the story for Towa, it was only 31 pages. My editor just wanted something funny with a romantic angle, so I thought I'd write a story with a boy as the protagonist. (Confidentially: I am a tomboy at heart. All my early submissions were centered around boys. It wasn't until someone explained to me that shōjo had to be about girls, that I made a girl the main character.) So, I grabbed a pen thinking: I'm gonna write a Towa story, and... I-I couldn't write!! I couldn't write a story about a boy after I'd been wanting to so badly...

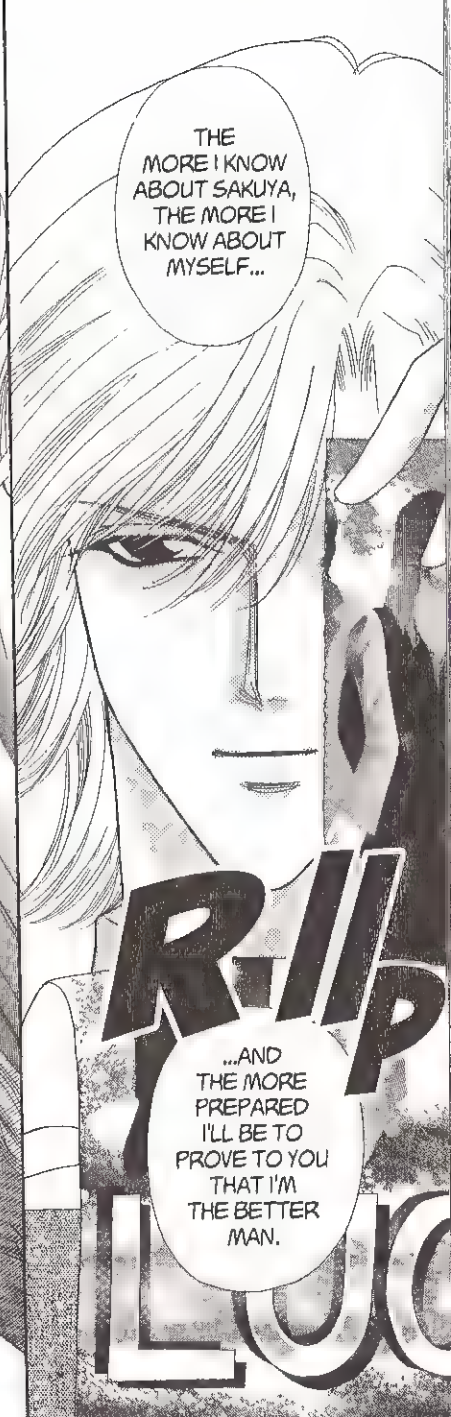
By that time I was so accustomed to writing about girls that my pen didn't move. Where did my inner tomboy go?!

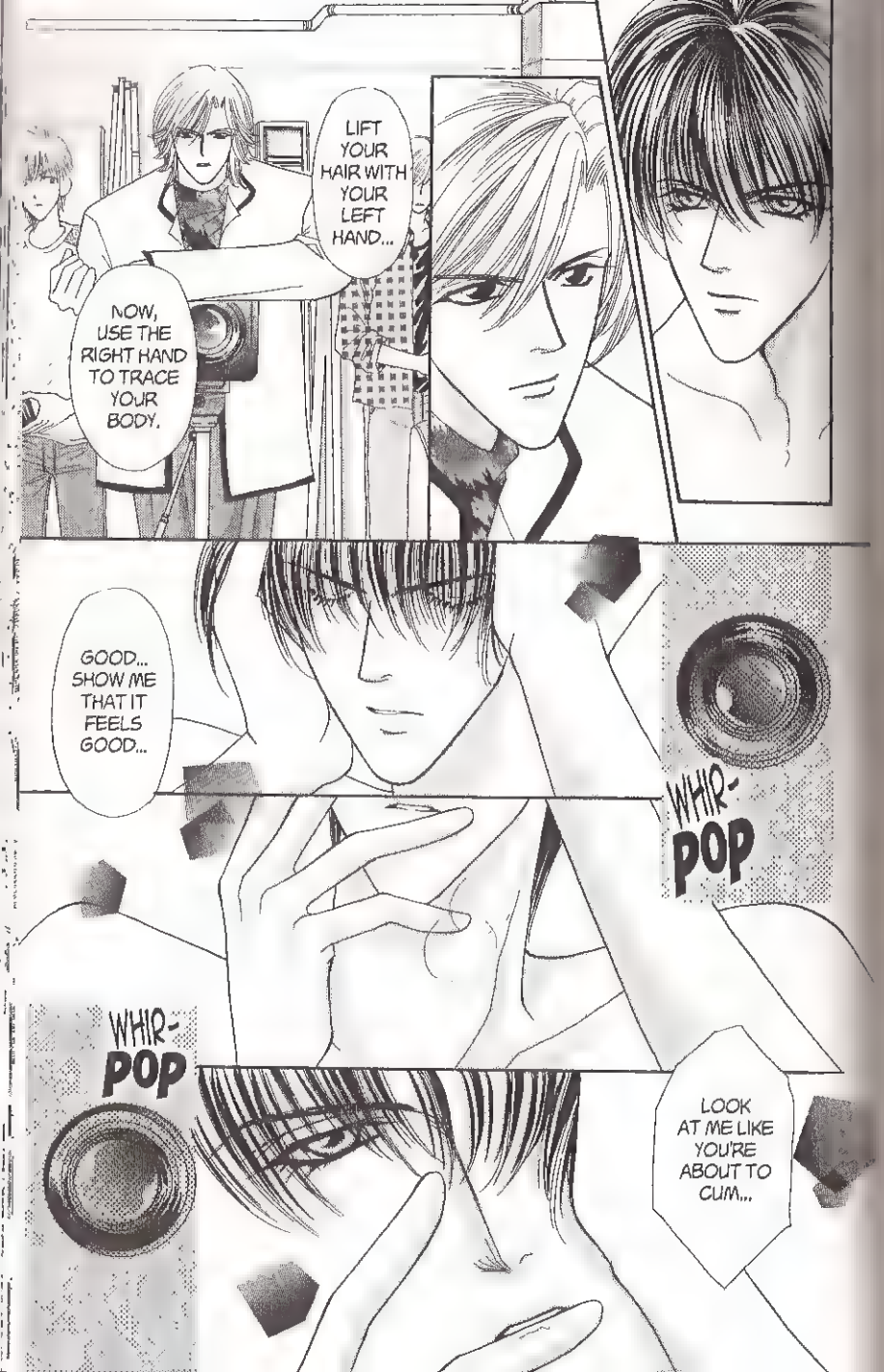
I don't know when that arduous piece will appear in a book, but I do hope it'll create more fans of Towa.

Oh yeah, the Lucifer Legend hasn't made it into a book yet either has it? Soon, soon...

Sensual Phrase will continue for a while so please keep reading!

R iiip
R iiip
Just to PHOTO-GRAPH me?!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK ... YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH WOMEN CAN ONLY BE COUNTED IN NUMBERS AND IT HASN'T TAUGHT YOU A THING.


THE MORE I KNOW ABOUT SAKUYA, THE MORE I KNOW ABOUT MYSELF...
R.I.P
...AND THE MORE PREPARED I'LL BE TO PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M THE BETTER MAN.


LIFT YOUR HAIR WITH YOUR LEFT HAND...
NOW, USE THE RIGHT HAND TO TRACE YOUR BODY.
GOOD... SHOW ME THAT IT FEELS GOOD...
WHIR-
POP
WHIR-
POP
LOOK AT ME LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CUM...

How are they gonna get through a SHOOT ...?!
They're fighting already!!
ALL RIGHT SAKUYA, WE'RE READY FOR YOU.

WHIP
POP
HOT!!
MOVE!! TRY TO ESCAPE...
GIVE ME MY CAMERA !!
O-OKAY ...
GOOD. EVEN BETTER ...

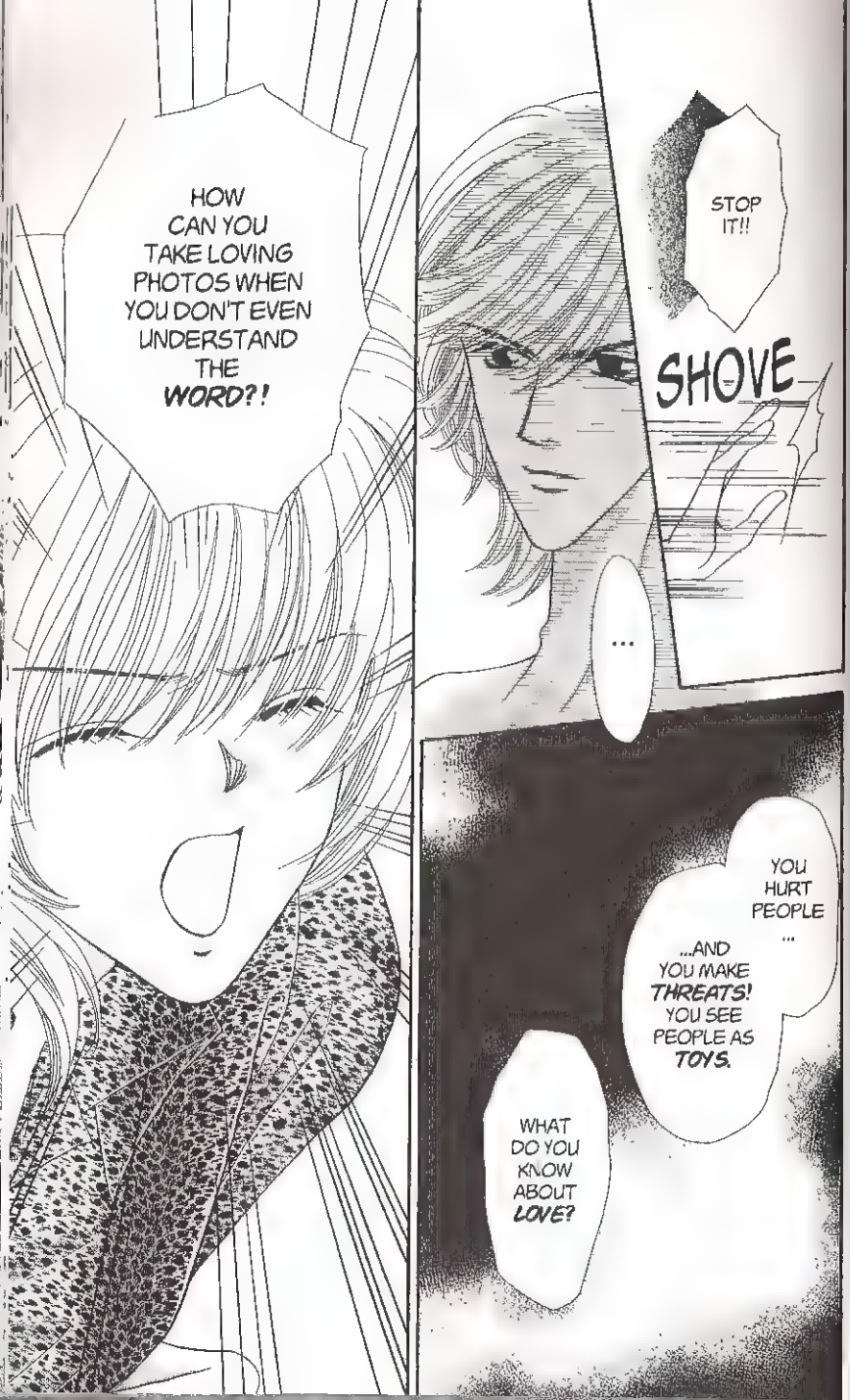
...
TWITCH
ANYTHING ELSE... SIR?
HEH
LOOK AT ME!!

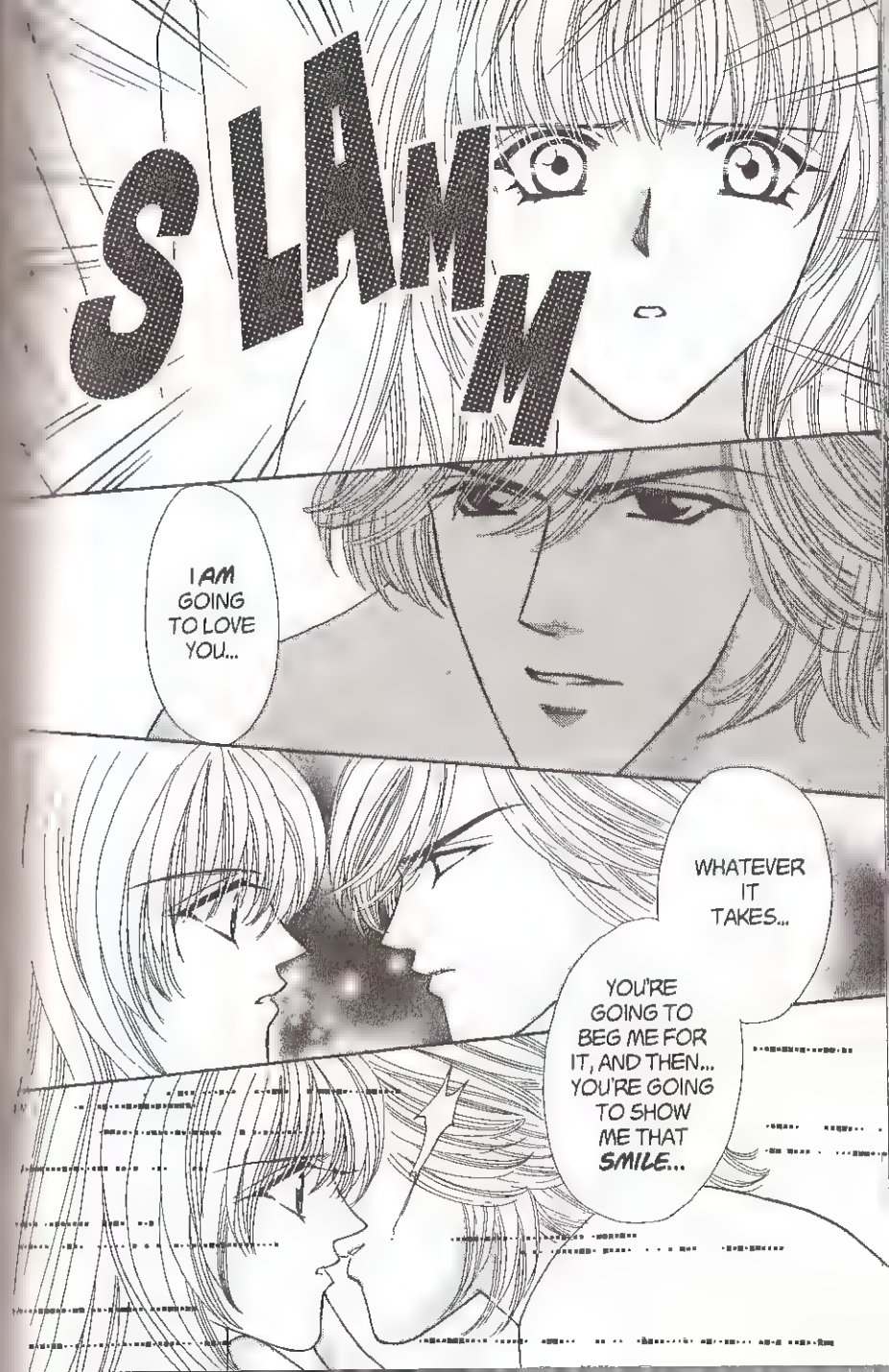
...HER LIPS AREN'T THE SOFTEST PART.
YOU KNOW ...
...IS THAT SO?

NOW THINK ABOUT HER LIPS...
FLINCH
NICE...
ANXIOUS
What are you doing?

HE'S GOOD ...
Wow, these guys are awesome together ...
And Mr. Tokugawa... it's like he's in a trance...
Sakuya hates him, but he's doing exactly as he says...
KEEP MOVING!
YES! ... THAT'S GOOD !!
Sakuya can't help himself...
He's respond-ing...
They're.. FEEDING off each other...

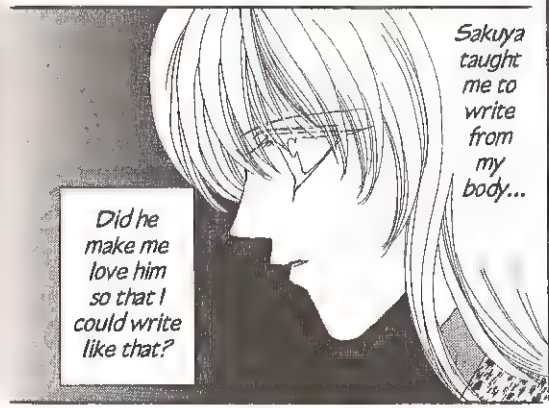
What the...?! Tokugawa's dressing room...
BURST
HEY!! WHAT'D YOU DO TO THAT GIRL?
I DID THAT GIRL A FAVOR, SWEET-HEART...
ONE LAST TOSS BEFORE I DUMPED HER.
WHY? WANT ME TO DO IT TO YOU...?
YOU, WHAT ?!
GA!
HM... HOW SHOULD I PLAY THIS...?
I HATE YOU!!
BUMP
HEY!
WHAT AREN'T YOU GOOD AT, SAKUYA ...?
THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT.

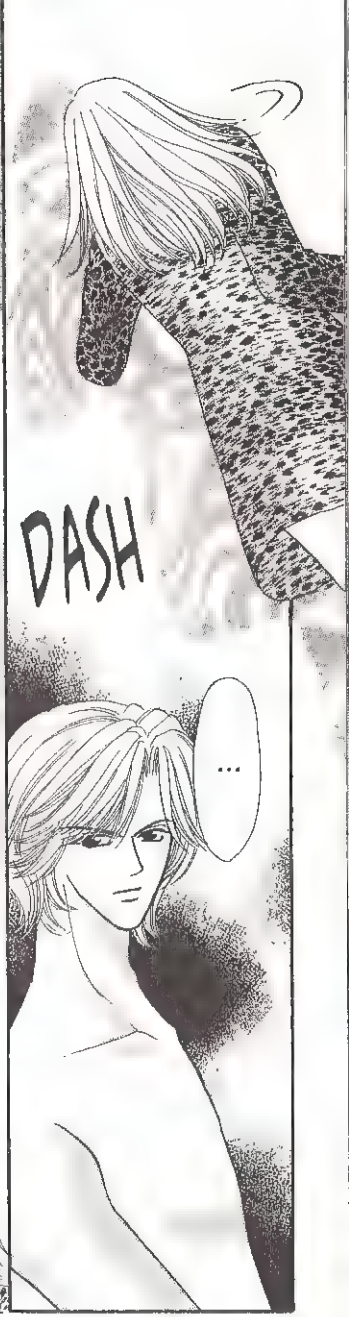

HOW CAN YOU TAKE LOVING PHOTOS WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE WORD?!
STOP IT!!
SHOVE
...
YOU HURT PEOPLE ...
...AND YOU MAKE THREATS! YOU SEE PEOPLE AS TOYS.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LOVE?

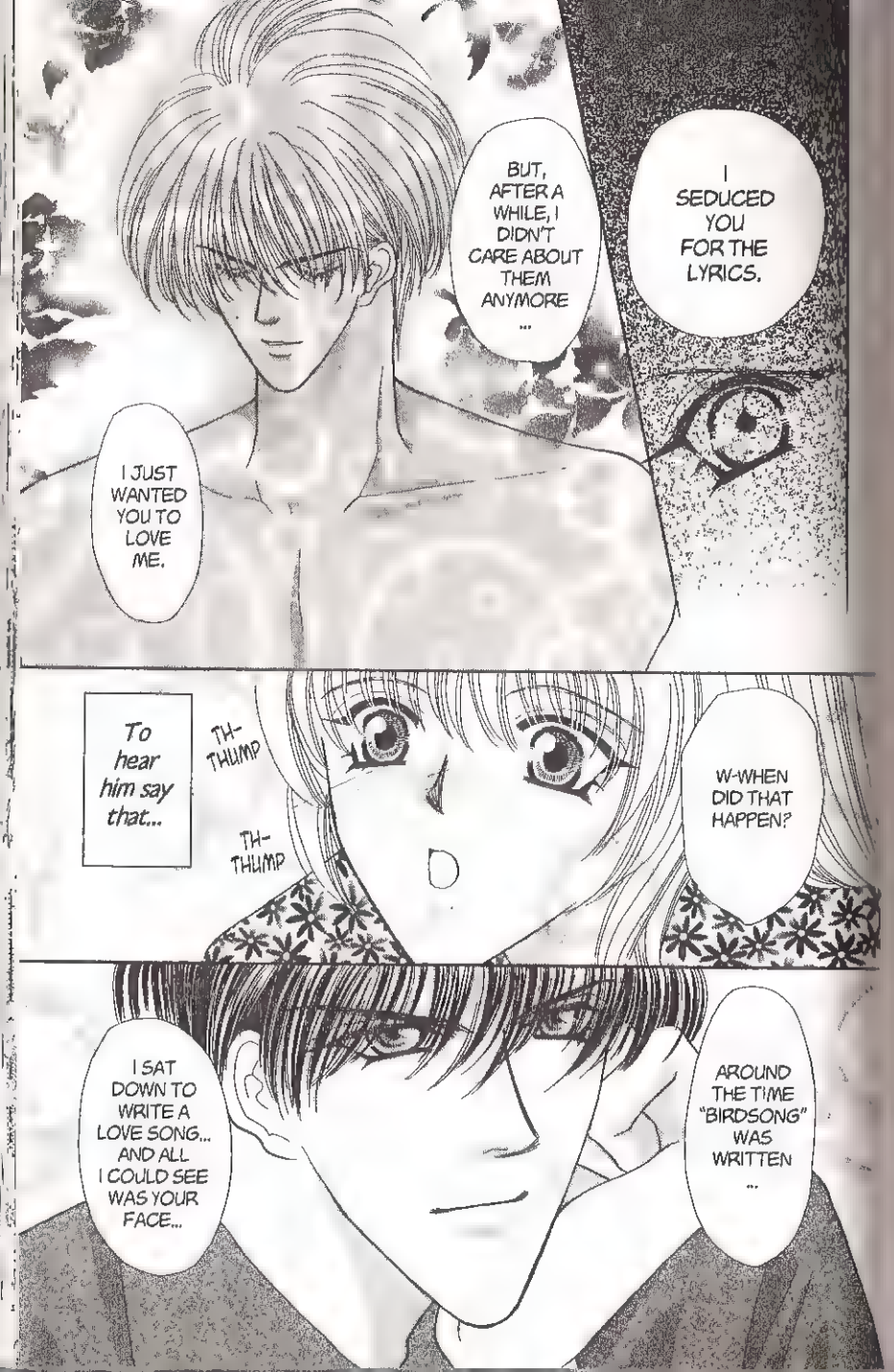

SLAM
I AM GOING TO LOVE YOU...
WHATEVER IT TAKES...
YOU'RE GOING TO BEG ME FOR IT, AND THEN... YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME THAT SMILE...

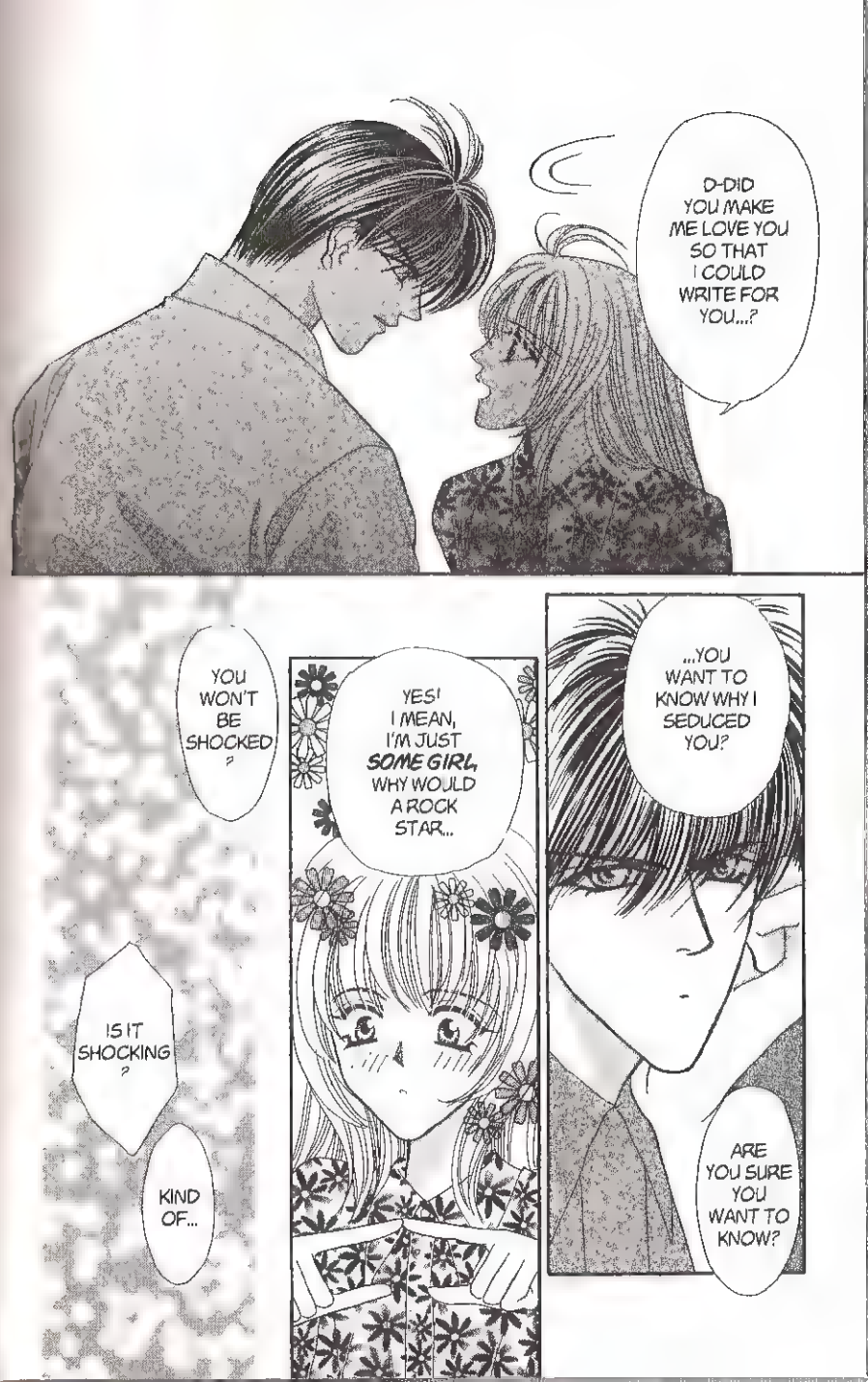
WHAT'S UP? YOU STUCK?
YEAH... KIND OF.
No... please, no...
CAN I HELP ...?
OH ...
Dangerous Eyes
Grab
Begging
SIGH...
SAKUYA... U-UM...
WHAT ?

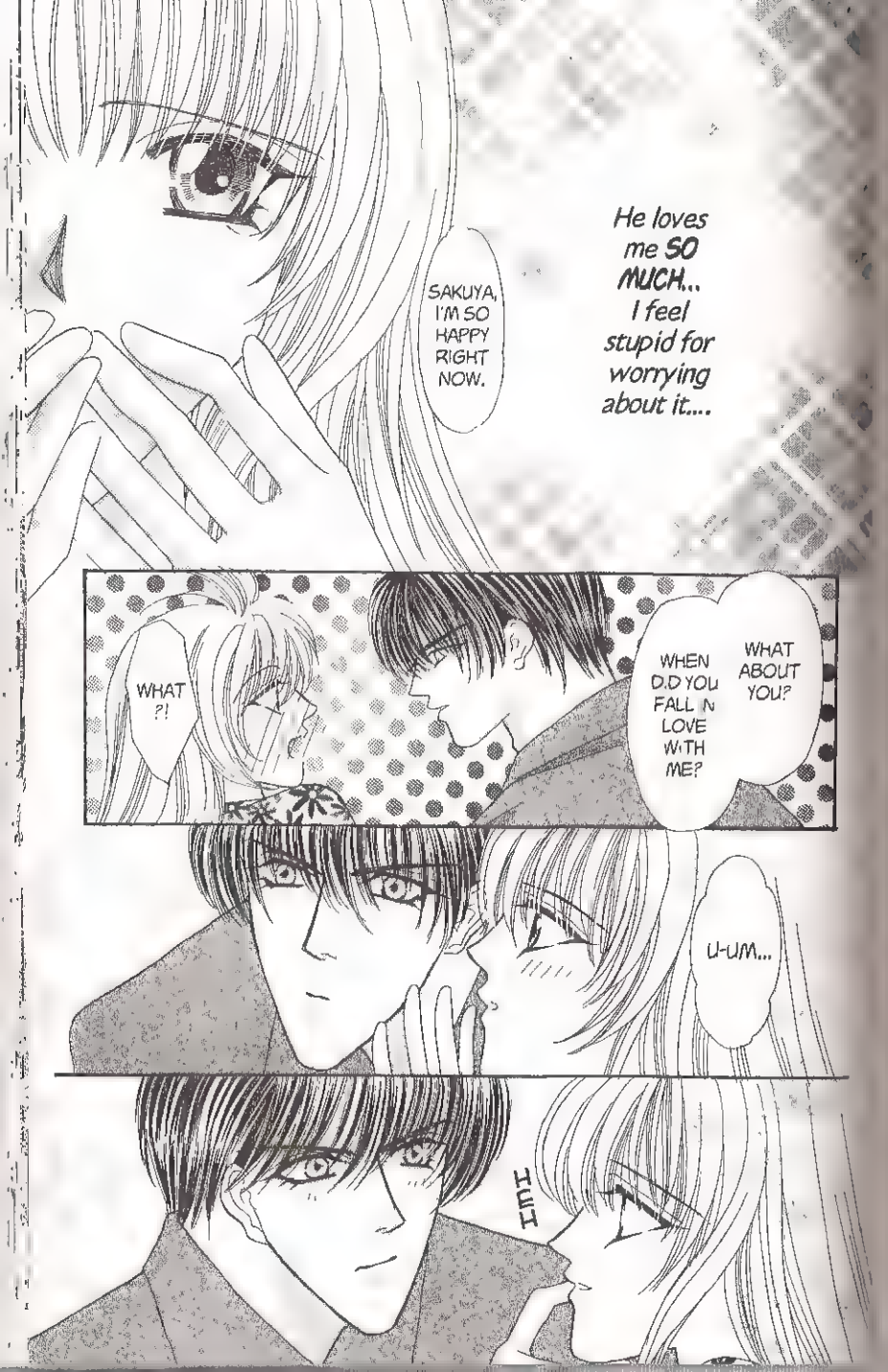
Why is he so stuck on taking that picture ?!
How could it be worth all this...?
YOU CAN DO IT...
I'LL DRAW IT OUT OF YOU...


Sakuya taught me to write from my body...
Did he make me love him so that I could write like that?


DASH
...


I SEDUCED YOU FOR THE LYRICS.
BUT, AFTER A WHILE, I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THEM ANYMORE ...
I JUST WANTED YOU TO LOVE ME.
To hear him say that...
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
W-WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?
I SAT DOWN TO WRITE A LOVE SONG... AND ALL I COULD SEE WAS YOUR FACE...
AROUND THE TIME "BIRDSONG" WAS WRITTEN ...


D-DID YOU MAKE ME LOVE YOU SO THAT I COULD WRITE FOR YOU...?
YOU WON'T BE SHOCKED?
IS IT SHOCKING?
KIND OF...
YES! I MEAN, I'M JUST SOME GIRL, WHY WOULD A ROCK STAR...
...YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I SEDUCED YOU?
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KNOW?

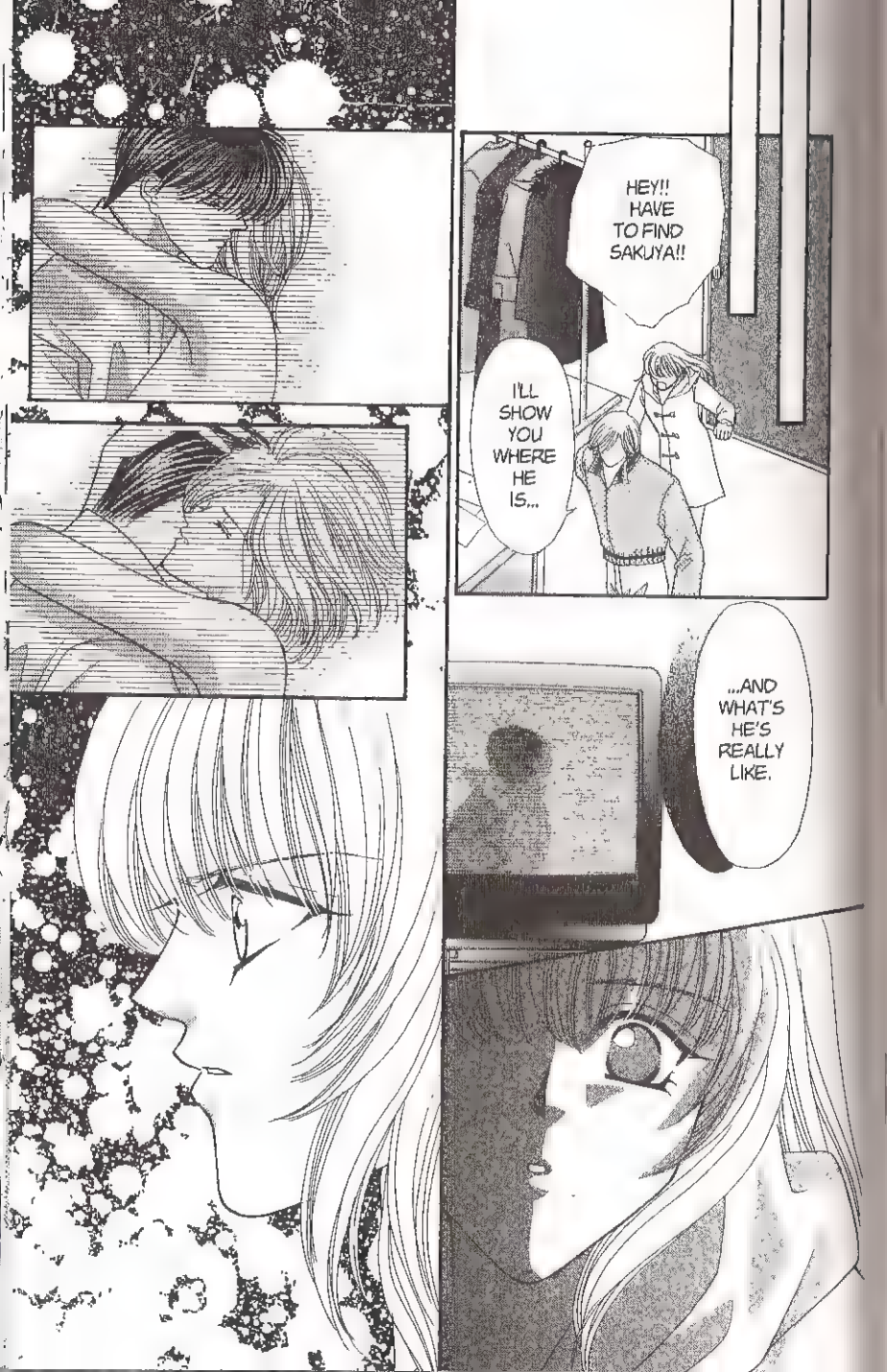

SAKUYA, I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
He loves me SO MUCH... I feel stupid for worrying about it....
WHAT?!
WHEN DID YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
U-UM...
HUH?

AND I COULDN'T HOLD MYSELF BACK AFTER THAT.
THEN YOU SUGGESTED THE MODELS FOR THE VIDEO...
YOU ASKED ME TO SLEEP WITH YOU, BUT YOU WERE SO SCARED YOU WERE SHAKING AND I COULDN'T...
I THOUGHT, SHE DOESN'T CARE IF I'M WITH ANOTHER GIRL, AND IT HURT...
I THOUGHT, WOW... I REALLY DO LOVE HER..
Now I know... What he felt... Why he looked so sad...

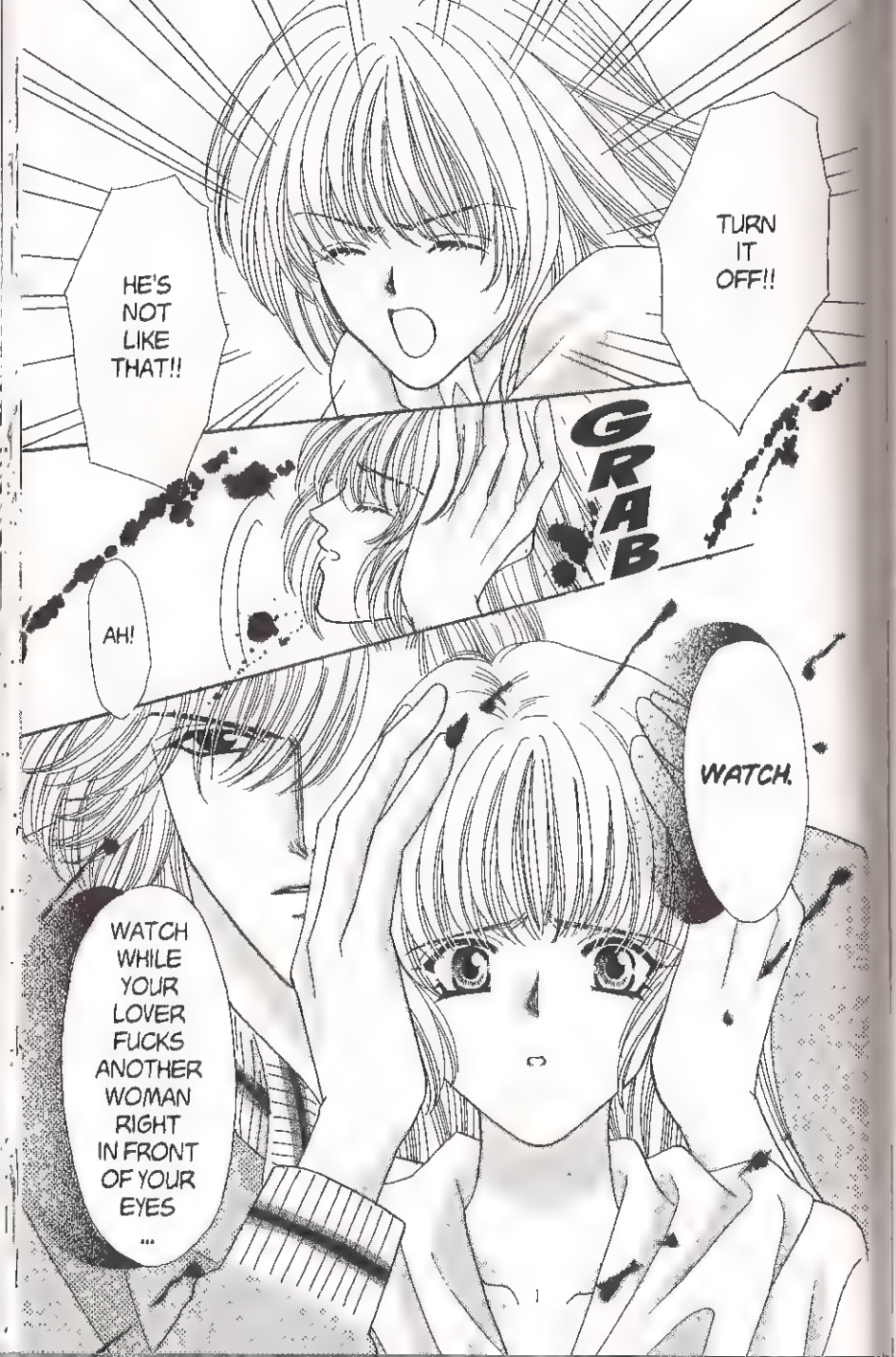
The moment I first saw you, of course.

SLIP
CLATCH
I'M ALL YOURS...
DON'T YOU WANT ME?

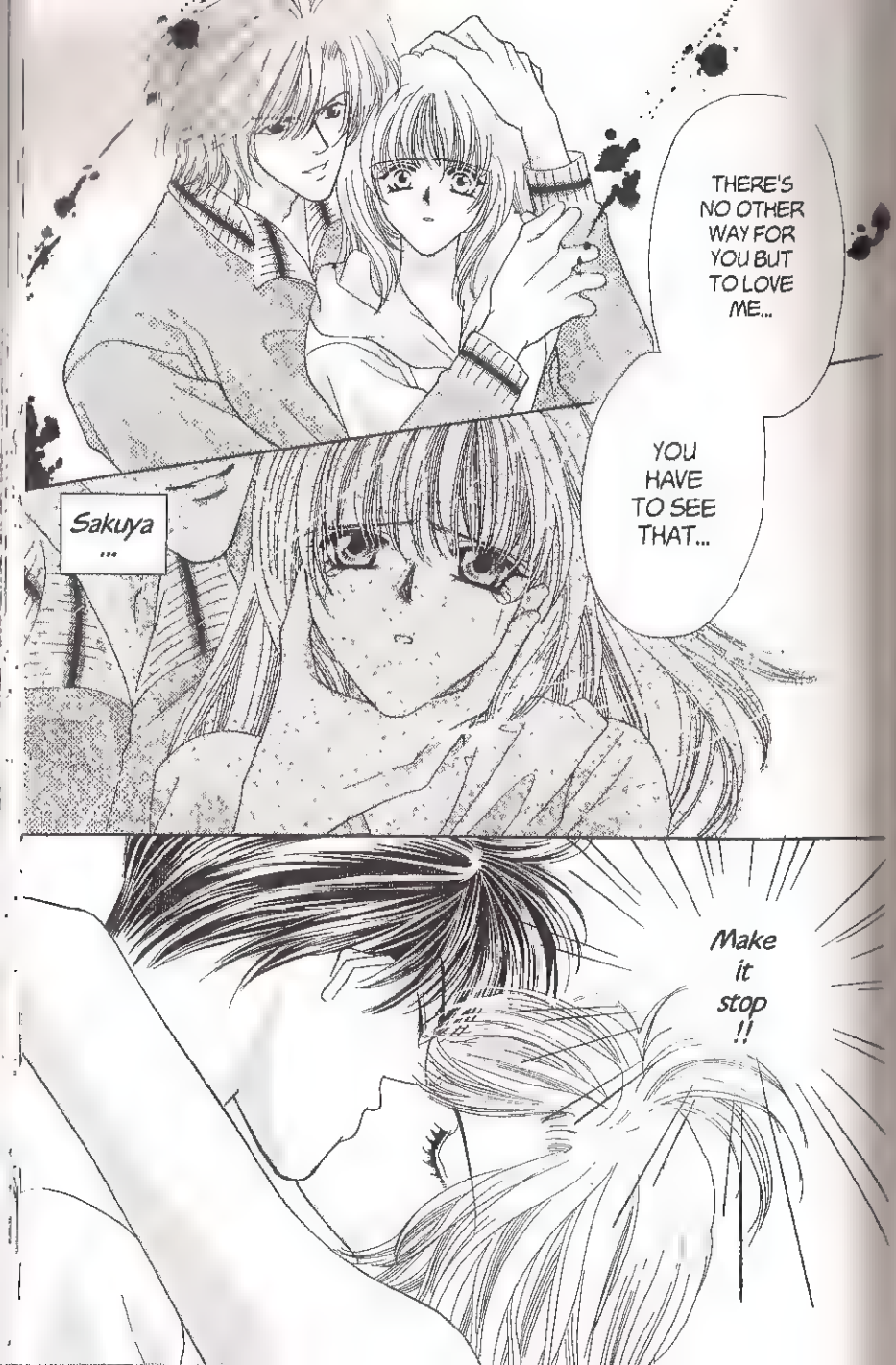
CRASH!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
CHUCKLE

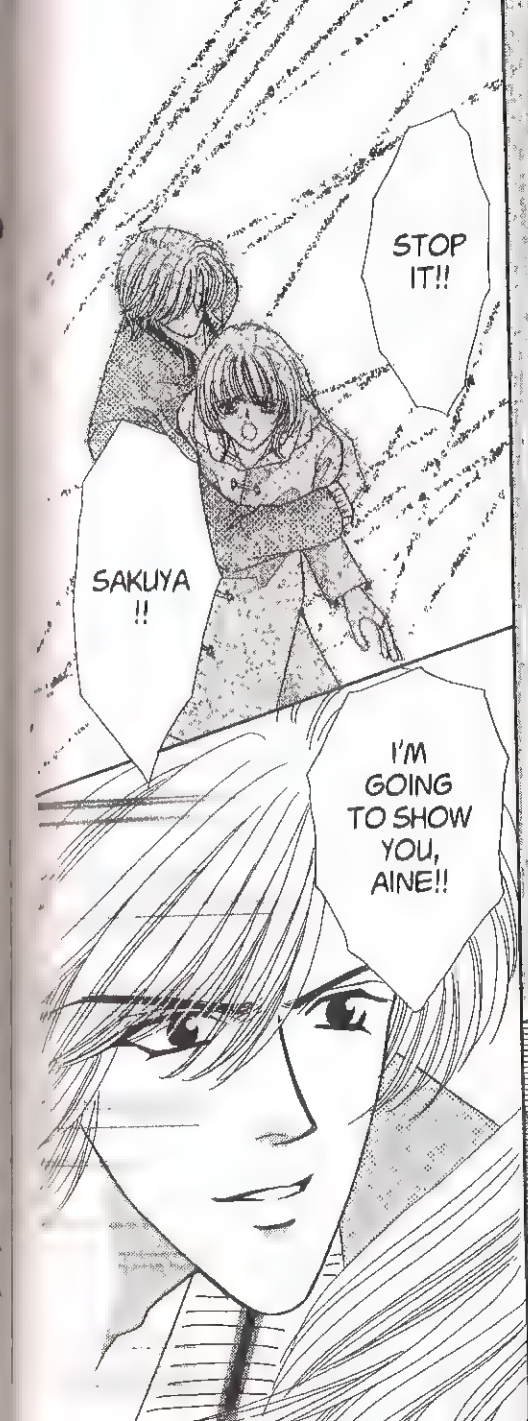

HEY!! HAVE TO FIND SAKUYA!!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE HE IS...
...AND WHAT'S HE'S REALLY LIKE.

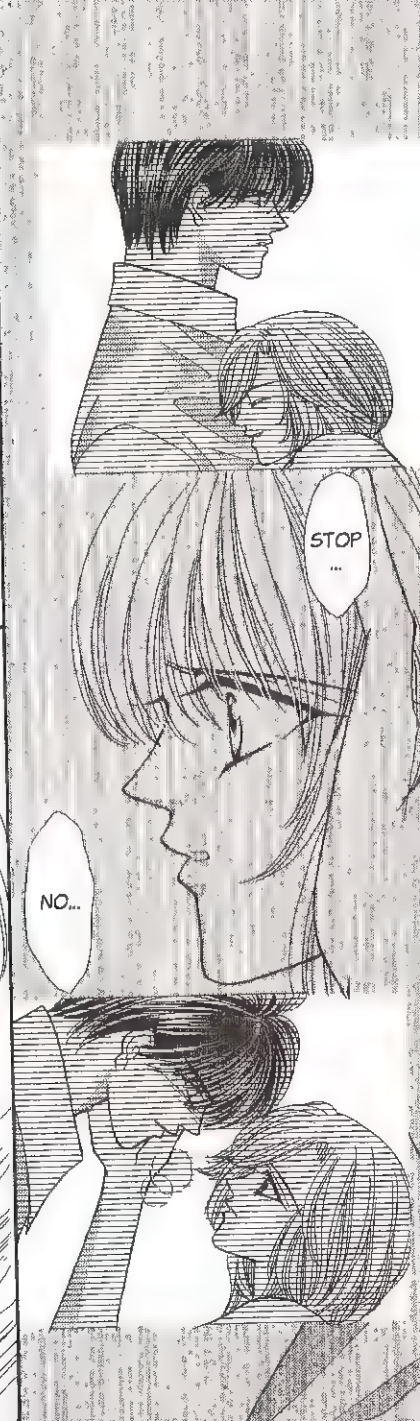
THIS WOMAN ...
AINE ...
THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO START, WANNA WATCH?
WHAT ...?
WHERE'S SAKUYA? BACK IN HIS DRESSING ROOM?

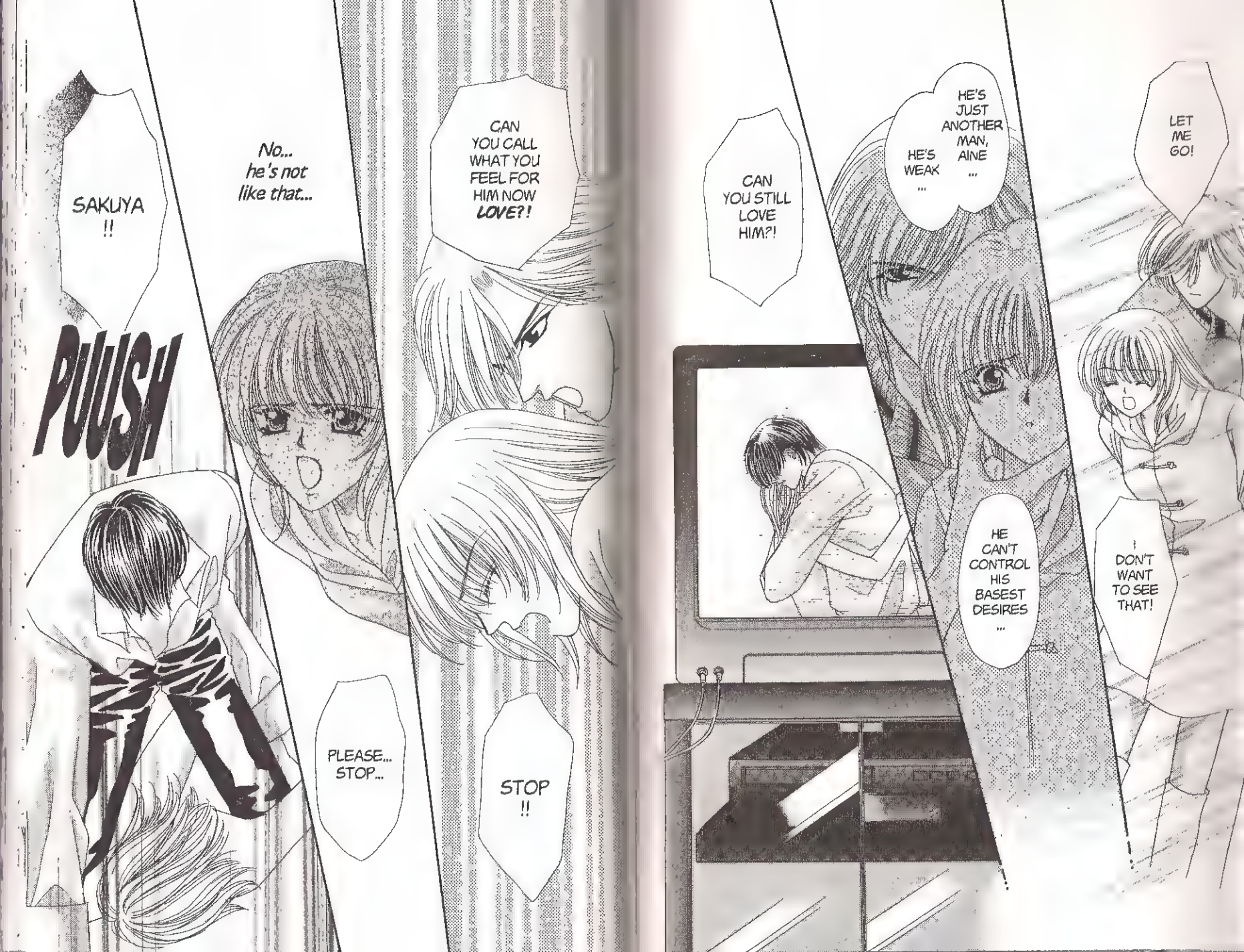

HE'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
TURN IT OFF!!
GRAB
AH!
WATCH.
WATCH WHILE YOUR LOVER FUCKS ANOTHER WOMAN RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES ...

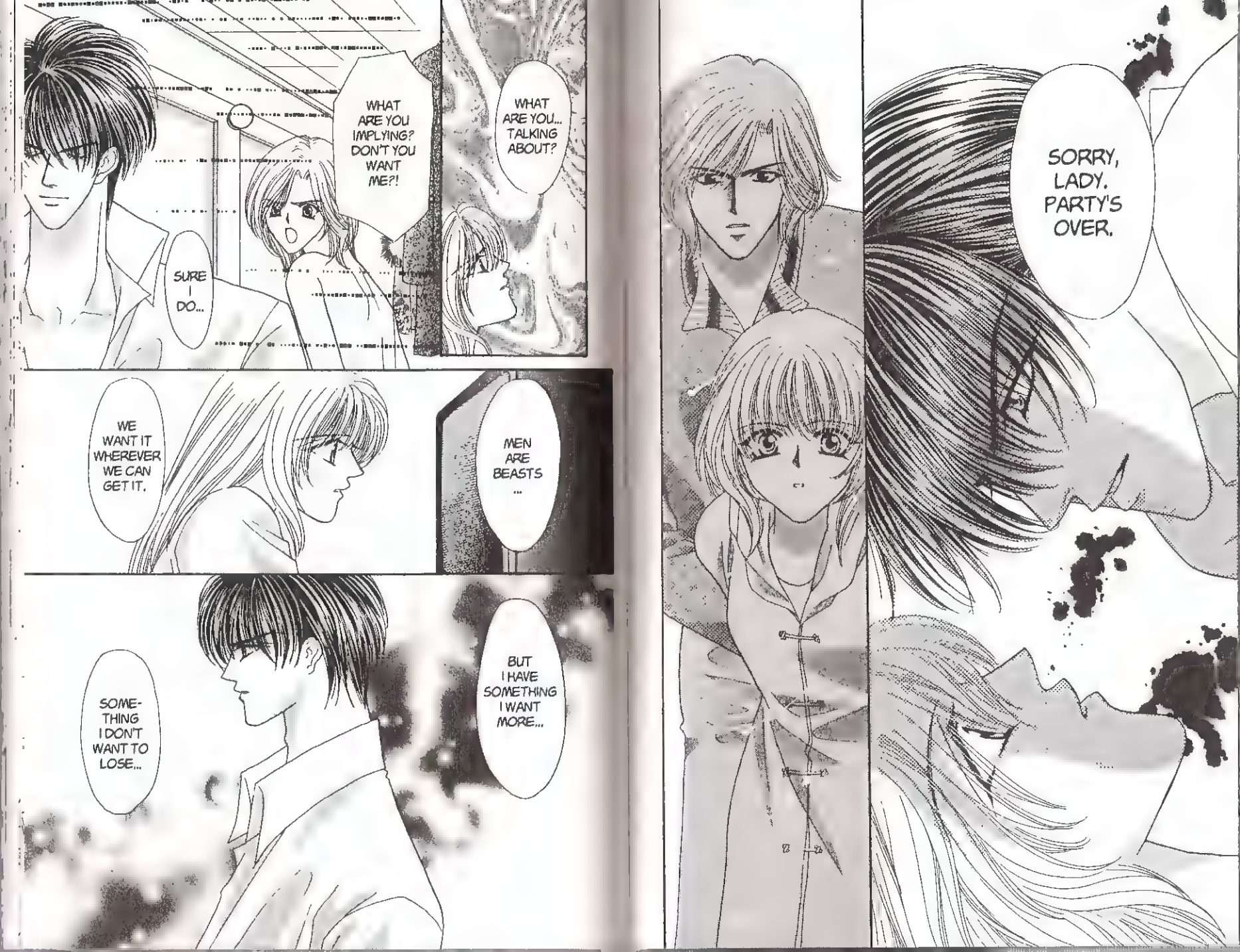
RIIIGHT. I MADE HIM WANT TO SLEEP WITH A WOMAN.
YOU SEE? HE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THEM...
SAKUYA.. SAKUYA !!
SWEET-HEART, ALL GUYS CAN SEPARATE LOVE AND SEX.
NO!! YOU DID SOME-THING TO HIM!!
HE WOULDN'T DO THIS!!

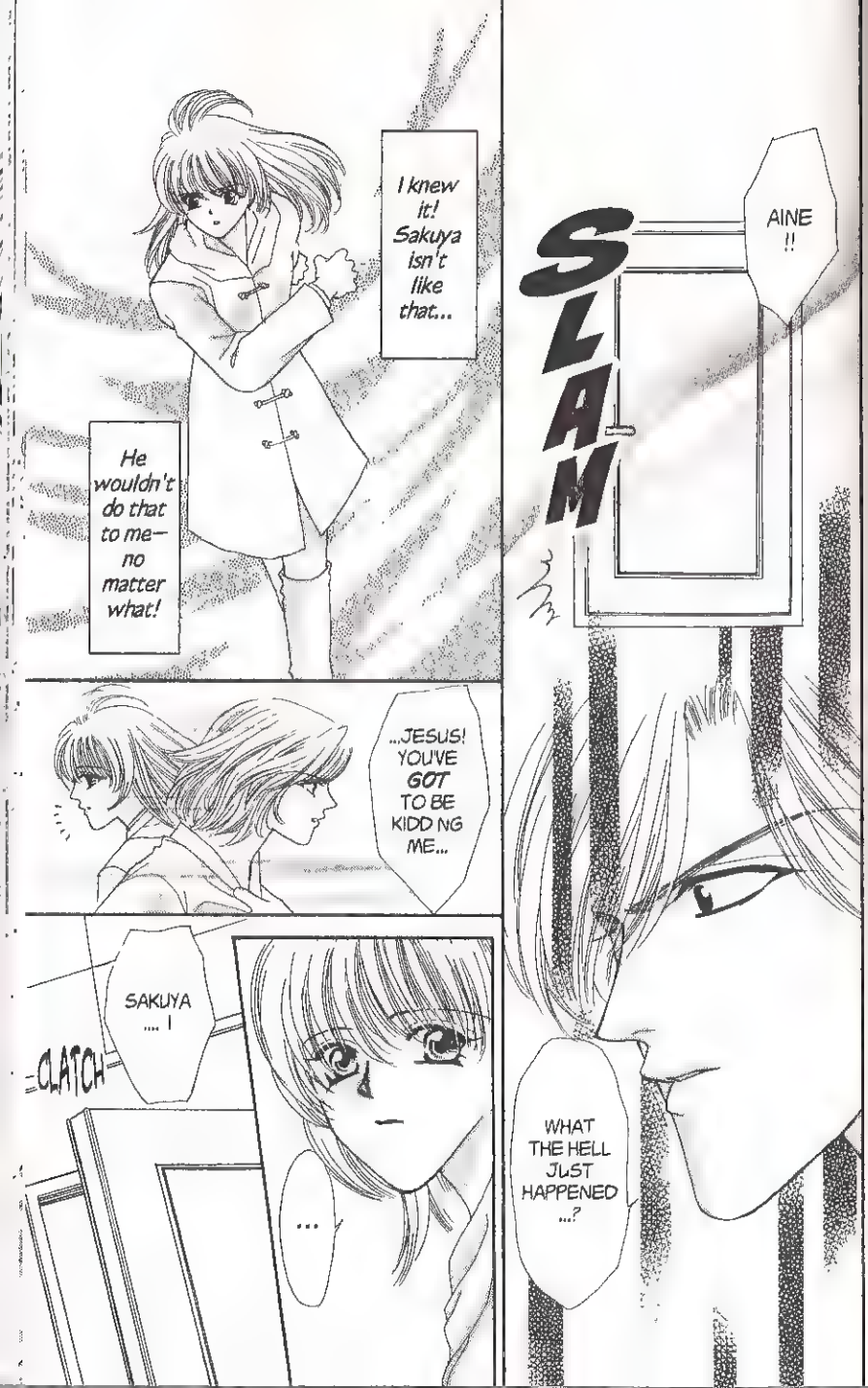

Sakuya ...
YOU HAVE TO SEE THAT...
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY FOR YOU BUT TO LOVE ME...
Make it stop !!


SAKUYA !!
STOP IT!!
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU, AINE!!


NO...
STOP ...


SAKUYA !!
No... he's not like that...
CAN YOU CALL WHAT YOU FEEL FOR HIM NOW LOVE?!
PUUSH
PLEASE... STOP...
STOP !!
CAN YOU STILL LOVE HIM?!
HE'S WEAK ...
HE'S JUST ANOTHER MAN, AINE ...
HE CAN'T CONTROL HIS BASEST DESIRES ...
LET ME GO!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT!

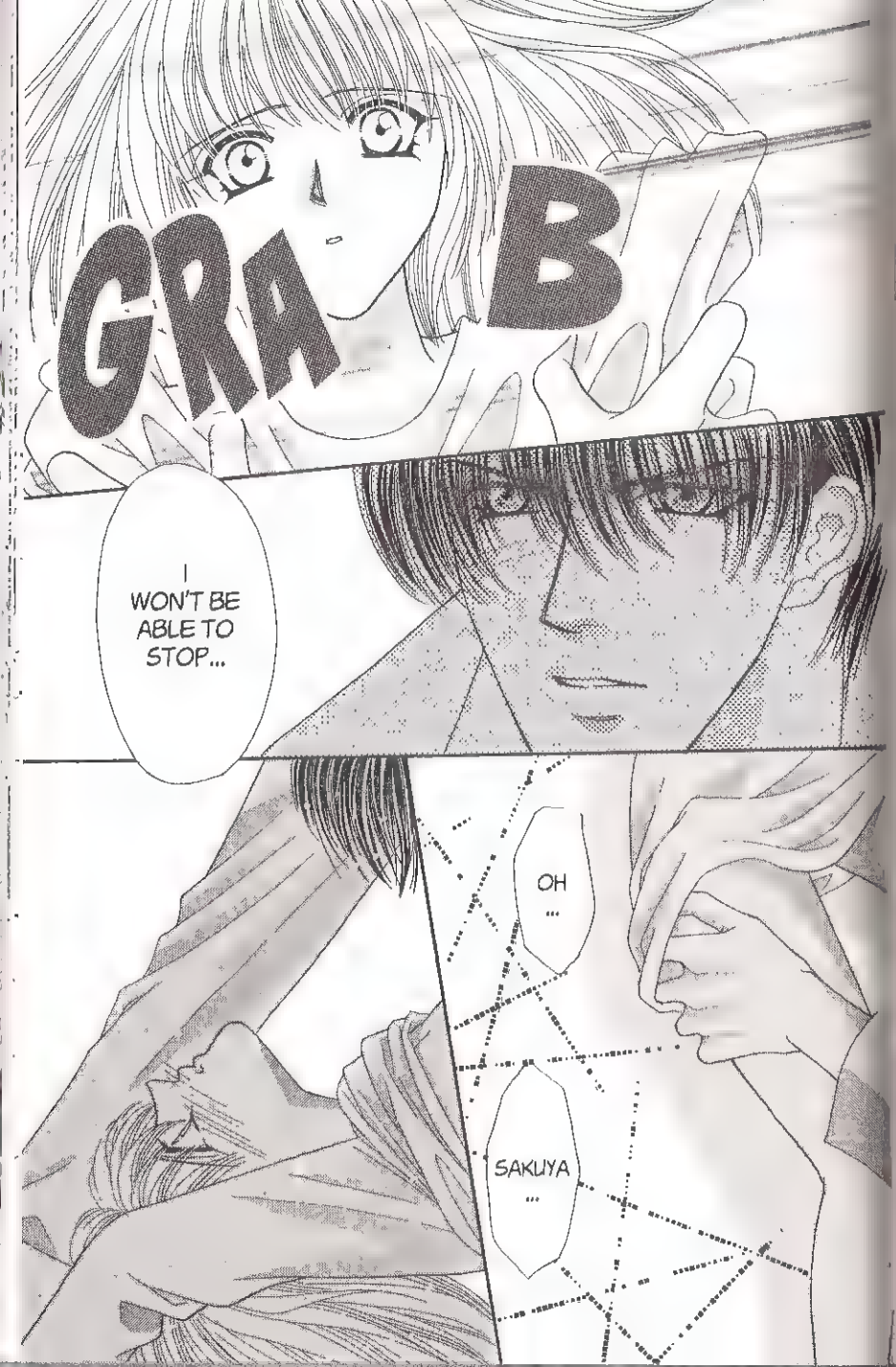

WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING? DON'T YOU WANT ME?!
WHAT ARE YOU... TALKING ABOUT?
SURE I DO...
WE WANT IT WHEREVER WE CAN GET IT.
MEN ARE BEASTS ...
SOME-THING I DON'T WANT TO LOSE...
BUT I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT MORE...
SORRY, LADY. PARTY'S OVER.


I knew it! Sakuya isn't like that...
He wouldn't do that to me— no matter what!
...JESUS! YOUVE GOT TO BE KIDD NG ME...
SAKUYA .... !
CLATCH
...
SLAM
AINE !!
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED ...?

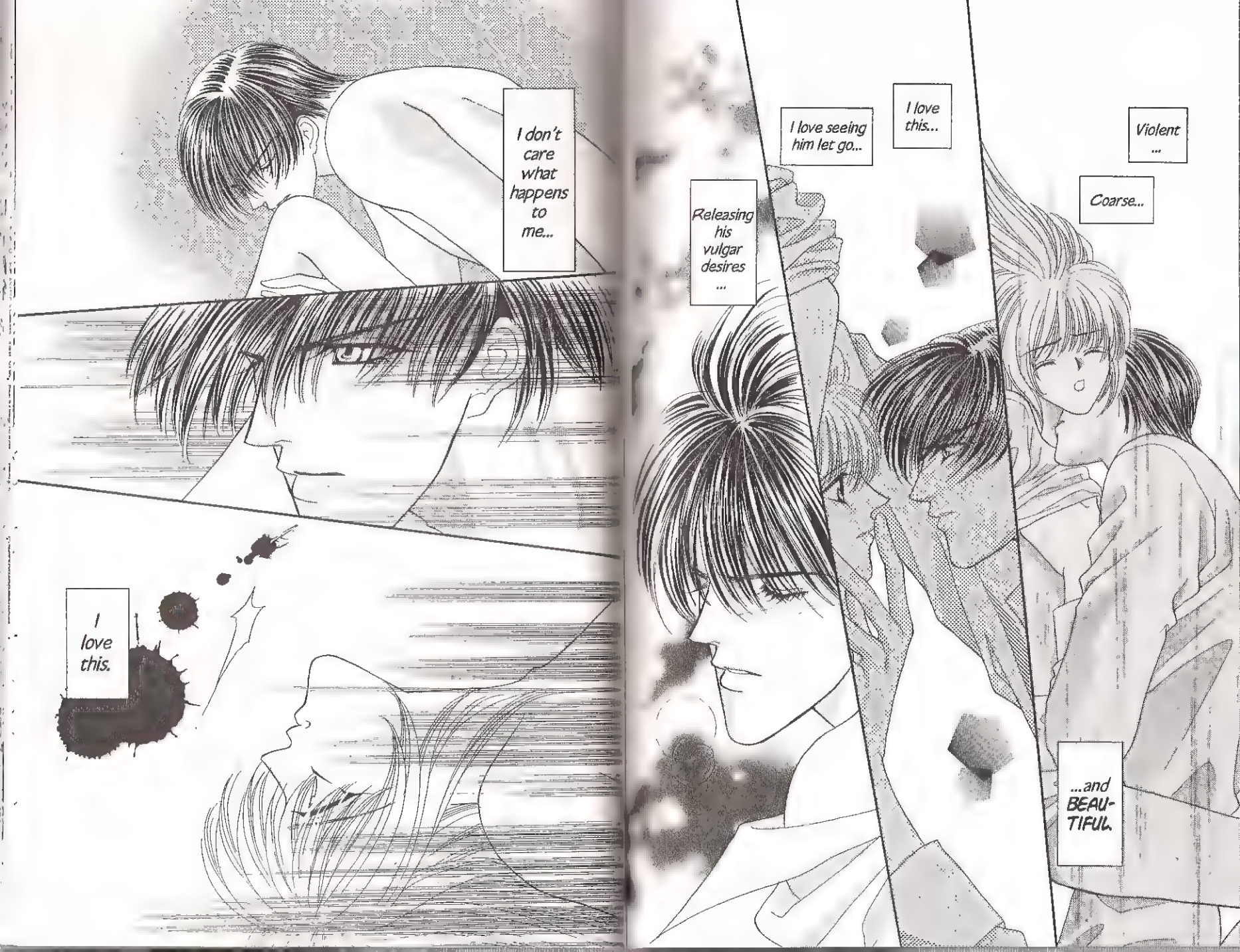
WHEN YOU HAVE WHAT I'VE GOT...
...YOU DON'T TRADE IT FOR A QUICK FUCK FROM A HIRED HAND. EVEN IF YOU ARE A BEAST.
SMACK
TH-THUMP
Sakuya..
AINE !!

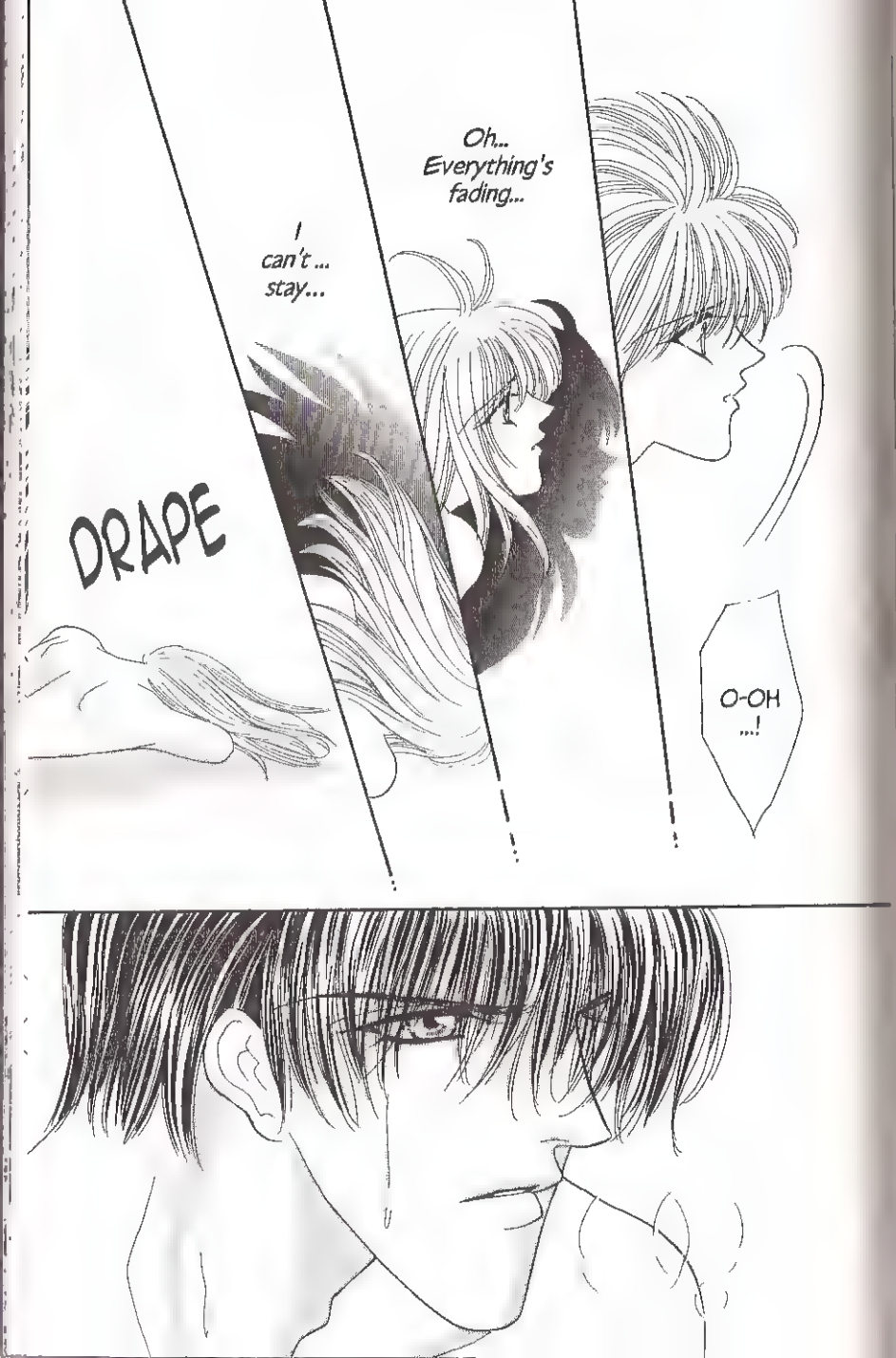
I MIGHT HURT YOJ...
I CAN'T ...
Look at you...
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
GO AHEAD ...
DO YOUR WORST ...

...WHY ?
I MIGHT... DO SOME-THING.
STAY THERE.
DON'T COME NEAR ME!!
TWITCH


GRAB
I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP...
OH ...
SAKUYA ...

AINE.... I'M SERIOUS ...
MM ...
SCOOOT
SLAM


I don't care what happens to me...
I love this.
Violent ...
Coarse...
I love this...
I love seeing him let go...
Releasing his vulgar desires ...
...and BEAU-TIFUL.


Oh... Everything's fading...
I can't... stay...
DRAPE
O-OH ...!

I... PLEASE... IT'S BEEN HOURS...
NOT YET...
UGH...
SAKUYA ...
NOW...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
CLATCH
.....
MR. TOKUGAWA, IT'S BEEN FIVE HOURS. AREN'T WE GONNA START THE SHOOT...?
WHAT ARE WE WAITING ON?
...

Here we are in the final third again...

I meant to write about the anime, but it won't be on air for a while, so I'll save that for Volume 10. (I have the dirt, but I don't know how much of it I can dish...)

Anyway, it's an anime with a lot of twists and turns, so please tune in every week!

Send your comments to the address below as usual...

Mayu Shinjo
c/o VIZ, LLC
PO Box 77010
San Francisco, CA 94107

I'm especially looking for comments on the anime. We're accepting questions, too.

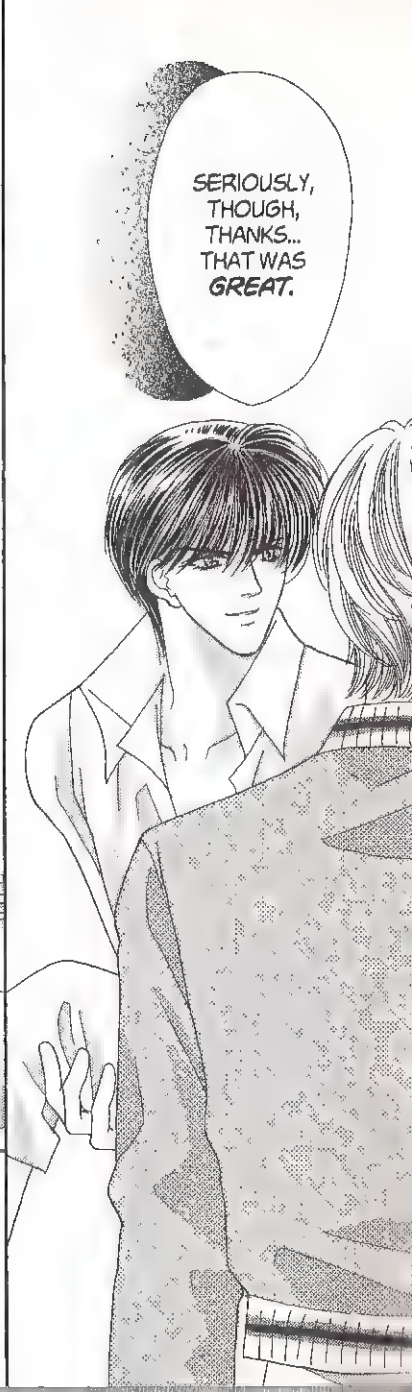
I was thinking of announcing an e-mail address specifically for readers, but I don't know how to set that up... Sniff... I should be able to tell you guys that by Volume 10, too. I hope to build a website too, but I can't do it on my own. Maybe somebody from the anime will help out...

Well then, see you in Volume 10!!

Special Thanks:
Mashin Osakabe, Migiwa Nakahara, Satomi Naruke, Ikuko Abe, Yuki Ikegami, Sawako Aitori

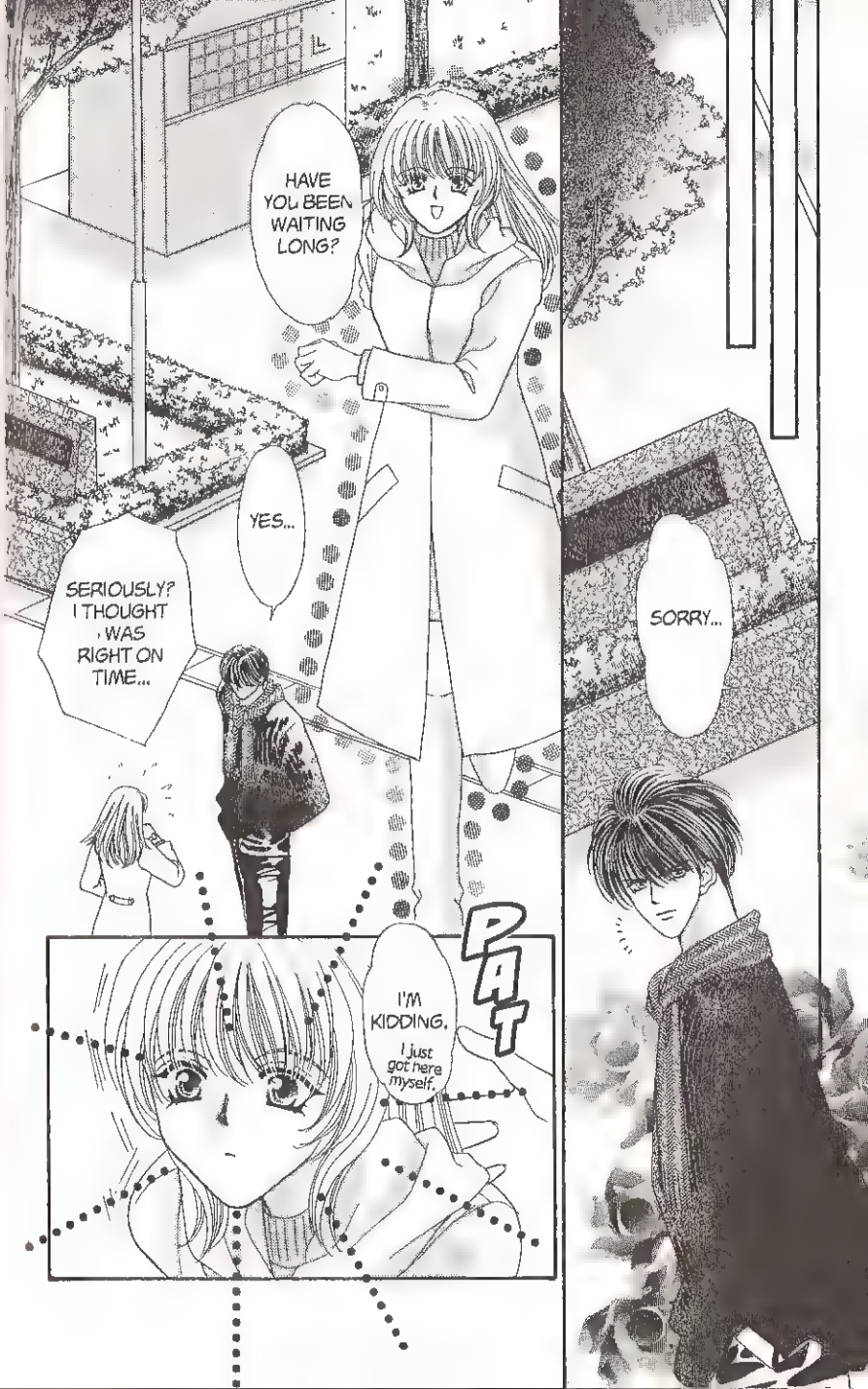
Thanks for all your help!! And I also want to thank anime-related staff, editors and people from the entertainment/record companies—thank you very much.

I TRIED TO DO YOU A FAVOR ...
...TO SHOW YOU THE REAL WORLD. THAT PUPPY-LOVE CRAP IS FOR KIDS.
KIDS?
YOU'RE A PRETTY MISERABLE HUMAN BEING, AREN'T YOU...?



...AND YOU'LL NEVER CAPTURE THAT LOOK IN A PHOTOGRAPH.
YOU THINK I WON'T BE THE BEST...
STROKE
...BECAUSE I CAN'T LOVE AINE?
THAT'S ABSURD! I...HEY...

I ONLY HAVE TWO HOURS BUT YOU WANNA GO SOME-WHERE?
I'M TRYING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...
WHAT...?
IT'S JUST...YOU'RE ACTING DIFFERENT TODAY.
NO...
WHAT? DO I HAVE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?


HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING LONG?
YES...
SERIOUSLY? I THOUGHT I WAS RIGHT ON TIME...
PAT
I'M KIDDING. I just got here myself.
SORRY...

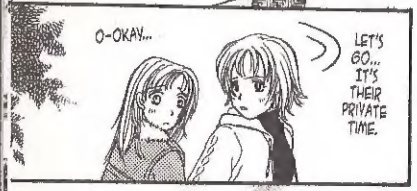
...
HERE, YOUR CROQUETTE BURGER.
NOT REALLY ...
YOU REALLY PREFER EVERYDAY PEOPLE TYPE STUFF DON'T YOU...?
SHE DOESN'T DREAM MUCH, I GUESS ...?
BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A DREAM OF MINE TO SHARE A HAMBURGER ON A PARK BENCH.
...But he's right, I might as well enjoy it.
MEE-OW!

Those things ...
I mean, okay, so I fainted ...
OH, NO, NO! I'M NOT UPSET ABOUT THAT AT ALL!
I LET MY LIBIDO TAKE OVER AND I...DID THINGS TO YOU...
SQUEEZE
THAT'S WHY TODAY IS SPOIL-SPOIL DAY...
It wasn't even his fault...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST ENJOY IT.

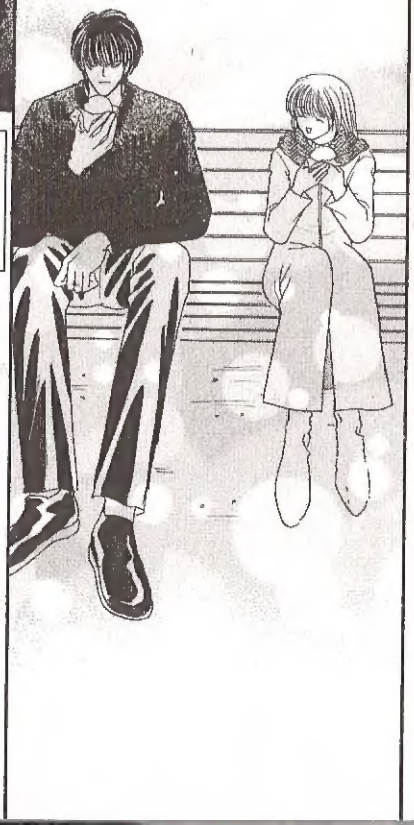
Not worrying about anything...

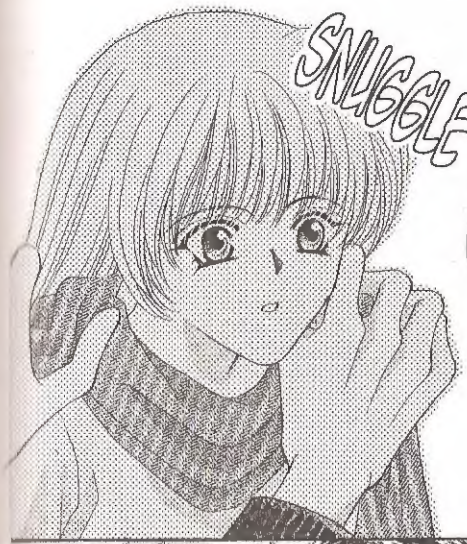
My spoil-spoil day...

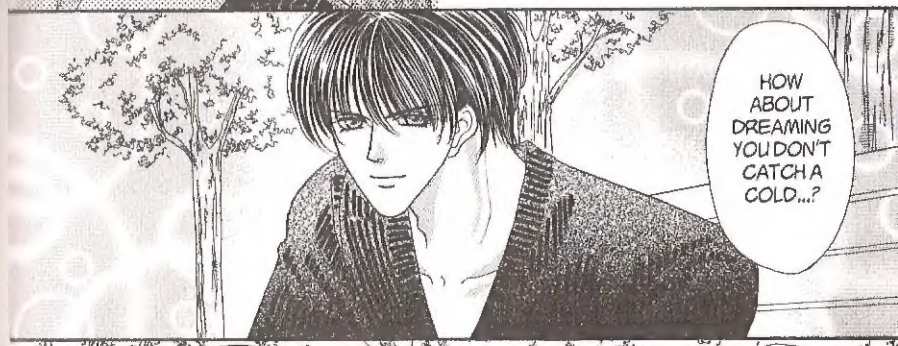
C'MERE ...

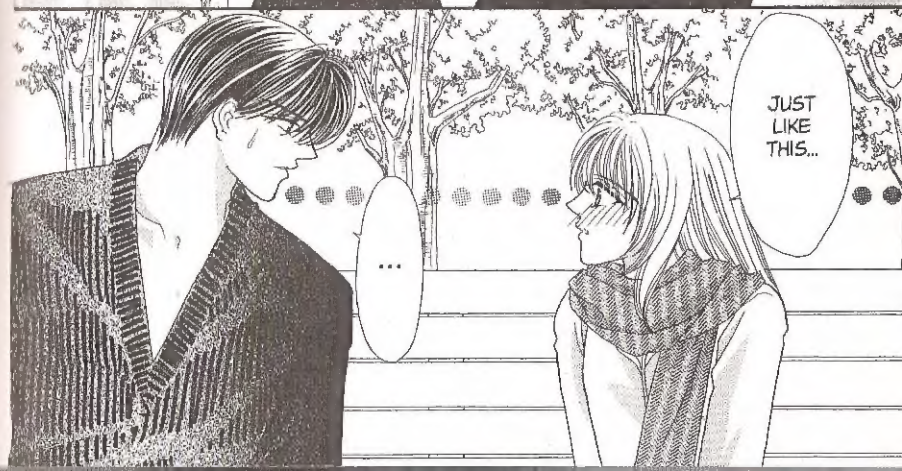


Just the two of us on a park bench... Talking about nothing while eating a hamburger... It's perfect...







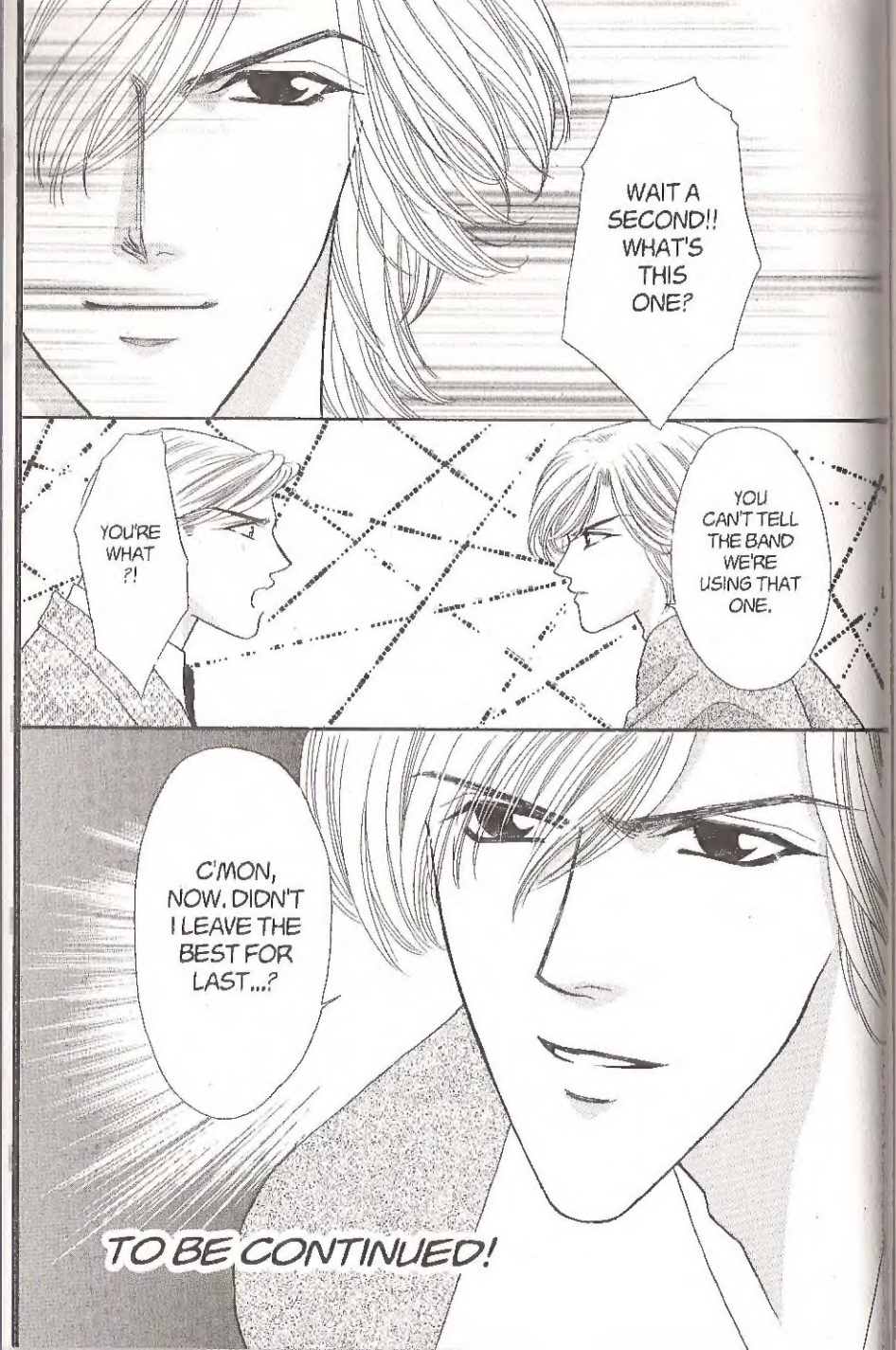


AINE'S DREAM, PART II
YEAH, BUT ...!!
AINE, THEY'RE ONLY FRIES...
TOSS
HERE'S SOME FOOD, EAT!
!!
FLAP
FLAP
ACK !!
THAT WASN'T NICE! YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA BE NICE!
AH HA HA HA HA!

HEY!
Every-thing was so perfect, too.
MY FRIES!
NO!
GO AWAY !!
This right here is my dream...
YOURS LOOKS GOOD TOO

GEEZ ...
There are so many different Sakuyas all wrapped up in you...
...And every one of them loves me.
I thought I...felt some-one stare...
.....

FLAP
FLAP
STEP
I'M NOT FOOD!!
CHUCKLE
YOU'RE JUST SO CUTE I HAVE TO TEASE YOU.


WAIT A SECOND!! WHAT'S THIS ONE?
YOU'RE WHAT ?!
YOU CAN'T TELL THE BAND WE'RE USING THAT ONE.
C'MON, NOW. DIDN'T I LEAVE THE BEST FOR LAST...?
TO BE CONTINUED!

WHOA !
SO THESE ARE THE PROOFS FOR THE BOOK, HUH...?
THEY'RE GOOD.
JESUS, I'D FUCK HIM IN THIS ONE.
...
YEP... I JUST WANTED YOU TO CHECK THEM OVER...